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BURNED TO DEATH.

Five Lives Lost in One Fire and Two in Another.

Six Others Have Slight Chance of Surviving.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Seven lives were lost in two big tenement-house fires in this city early today. Five charred bodies were found on the upper floors of a burned tenement at One Hundred and Second street and Third avenue, known as The Mentor, and five women and a little girl, all badly burned, were carried alive from the blazing house to near-by hospitals. There is thought to be but a slight chance for any of the six surviving. Several others only escaped from the flames and dense smoke with cuts and bruises.

Adolph Schneider, one of the tenants of the Harlem tenement, reported to the police after the fire that his wife and daughter were missing. He examined the body of the unknown woman, which was later thought to be that of Annie Farrey, but was not able to identify it as that of his wife.

The money loss at the Harlem fire is estimated at $40,000.

A few hours earlier a fire in a five-story tenement on Tenth avenue burned to death a mother and her child. The charred remains of both were found after the fire was put out. Following are the names of the dead and injured in the Third Avenue fire:

Dead—John Barrett, Mrs. John Barrett, Julia Barrett, six years old; an unknown woman, probably Miss Annie Farrey; Charles Nickerson of Cincinnati, a mechanic.

Injured—Delia O'Connell, aged 28; Kate Farley, 25; Susan McAdee, 60; Mary Barrett, 6; Mamie Seary, 23; Kate Farrey, 26. All were seriously burned about the face, body and arms and were taken to hospitals.

The Tenth avenue fire dead are Mrs. Martin Fox and her son George, 2½ years old. These are the only persons missing in the Tenth avenue fire and no other persons were injured.

The Harlem fire is supposed to have started in the cellar. The air shaft in the building and the stairs aided the flames in gaining such rapid headway that they had gained tremendous power when the firemen arrived. The fire was discovered by a baker named Ward, employed near by. When he saw flames coming out of the hallway the fire must have been burning at least 20 minutes, so fierce were the flames. He could not enter the hall because of the fire, and running into the street he picked up stones and threw them at the windows of the house.

Presently he saw at the fourth floor window, a woman hanging on the ledge, because the fire had already invaded her rooms and she could not remain in the place. She proved to be Delia O'Connell. Her sister was also climbing out of the window, and had already been partly burned and half suffocated by the smoke. The fire was driving her out and she could not stop.

Both women were hanging from the window ledge when an engine and hook and ladder team came up. The firemen at once put up scaling and extension ladders. At the fourth floor another woman, Mrs. Susan McAdee, 60 years old, was found partly burned and dazed by the smoke, hanging out of a window. There are no fire escapes on the front of the building, and the women could not do anything but hang to the ledges, which was necessary, as the rooms were already like raging furnaces. The firemen tied a rope around Mrs. McAdee and let her down. She was safely landed and was taken to the hospital in an ambulance.

Three firemen got up to the Farrey women, and they caught them in their arms not an instant too soon. Both women were badly burned about the body and were carried off to the hospital.

By this time, more women and men were found at the windows, having been hurried out of the rooms by the fierce flames which ate their way rapidly into every apartment of the house. The firemen did gallant work on the front of the building. Flames shot out of the windows all the time, showing that the inside of the building was rapidly burning up. The women and men were clinging outside the windows to the ledges, sills and other purchases. The firemen got four women down by the aid of ladders and each rescue was accomplished with difficulty. Lives were actually saved by the firemen's agility in climbing the scaling ladders and handling the people, who would have been seriously burned if there had been a few minutes' delay.

Hook and Ladder Captain Turpenny scaled a ladder to the top floor and there found little Mary Barrett, holding on to the window ledge. She was burned about the face, hands and body and was terribly frightened. Her eyes were a fearful sight, a sheet of flame having struck across them and burned them out. Her sight was gone. She had to run across the room, through the flames toward the window. The others had to do the same, but the child was the only one saved. Turpenny carried her down and she was sent to the hospital.

The terrible agony of the others, and the desperate attempts they had made to get out of the windows, was shown after the fire by the discovery of the

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GENERAL LAWTON SHOT

Instantly Killed, Standing Before His Troops.

Left Manila Last Night to Capture San Mateo.

MANILA, Dec. 19. Major General Henry W. Lawton has been shot and killed. He was standing in front of his troops, was shot in the breast and died immediately.

General Lawton started from Manila last night, with cavalry, under Captain

Lockett, and battalions of the Twenty-ninth and Twenty-seventh infantry, under Lieutenant Colonel Sargent, for the purpose of capturing San Mateo, where Geronomo was said to have 300 insurgents.

General Lawton was known as a good fighter and a soldier of experience and ability. He served in the Union army throughout the war, having entered the service as sergeant of Company E, Ninth Indiana volunteer infantry, in April, 1861. He was successively promoted, through merit on the field of battle, to first lieutenant of the Thirtieth Indiana infantry in August, 1861; to captain in May, 1862, and to lieutenant colonel in November, 1864. In March, 1865, he was brevetted colonel for gallant and meritorious service during the war.

He entered the regular establishment in July in 1866, as second lieutenant of the Forty-first infantry, colored, and remained with that branch of the army until January, 1871, when he was transferred to the Fourth cavalry, with which he remained until September, 1888, when he was appointed inspector general, with the rank of major. Later he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel, and held that rank until the opening of the war with Spain, when President McKinley appointed him brigadier general of volunteers and assigned him to the command of a division of the Fifth army corps. In July, 1898, he was chosen for the important duty of opening the military operations against the Spaniards by the capture of Cauey and the interception of the Spanish reinforcements nearing Santiago de Cuba.

He sailed for the Philippines on transport Grant, January 19, 1899. On General Lawton's arrival at Manila he relieved General Anderson in command of the regular troops. He captured Santa Cruz, near Manila, April 10. This place, which was a Filipino stronghold, fell into the hands of General Lawton's expedition after some sharp fighting which formed one of the most interesting battles of the war. General Lawton and his staff accompanied the troops, sometimes leading charges in Indian fighting tactics, which eventually resulted in the complete rout of the rebels. The general's next hard fighting took place in his attack on San Rafael, where the American troops were met with a heavy fire from a large number of rebels who were concealed in the jungle on all sides. Only the adoption by General Lawton of the tactics followed in Indian fighting in the United States, every man for himself, saved the division from great loss. As usual, General Lawton was at the head of his line with his staff.

After the capture of Isidro by General Lawton, President McKinley sent him the following despatch:

"To Otis, Manila. Convey to General Lawton and the gallant men of his command my congratulations upon the successful operations during the past month, resulting in the capture this morning of San Isidro.

"WM. M'KINLEY."

The above despatch was dated from Hot Springs, Iowa, May 17, 1899. San Isidro was then the insurgent capital.

It was announced June 1 that General Lawton had been placed in command of the defense of Manila and the troops formed in line around that city. Early in October General Lawton was engaged in dispersing the insurgents and cutting off communication maintained by them between Bacoor and Imus, by means of the road between those places. He was successful in clearing the country of the Filipinos and was several times under fire, especially while riding up the road to Imus. He then pushed northward, captured a number of towns and drove the insurgents everywhere before him.

General Lawton and General Young arrived at Aruyat October 19, with a force of about 3,000 men. He next made his headquarters at Calumatian and took a most active part in dispersing the insurgent bands in different parts of the country.

About the middle of November the whereabouts of Generals Lawton and Young, on account of the rapidity of their movements, became almost as mysterious as that of Aguinaldo, General Lawton's troops suffered considerable hardships in this series of energetic movements, many of the men dropping out sick and being left at various towns. Many of the general's horses were dying and many of the soldiers and even some of the officers were described as marching ahead half-naked, their clothes being torn to pieces in getting through the jungles. General Lawton was at Tayug December 1, his troops having recently captured large quantities of insurgent supplies. Later he returned to Manila, and started December 18 to capture San Mateo, where he was shot and killed.

OPENED WILDLY.

Market Ebbed and Flowed Before Quieting Down.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The brokers on the Stock Exchange were in a state of wild excitement today, and the turmoil as the signal sounded for the opening was indescribable. Some very heavy orders were executed at the start, for both buying and selling account. The course of the market ebbed and flowed many times in the first hour and became wildly irregular at times, prices mounting buoyantly at some points, while breaking away at others. Those who had set themselves the task of supporting the market evidently had their hands full, and had to absorb a seemingly unending stream of offerings of large blocks. They were aided, however, in sustaining prices by investment buying on a large scale, which was particularly manifest in the bond department. The buying by bears to cover shorts was also in large volume at times.

The avalanche of selling orders was so steadily absorbed that the standard railroad stocks began to afford a point of resistance to decline. Early in the second hour there appeared an appreciable decrease in activity and the pressure was no longer so severe.

When it became known that a second sum of $10,000,000 had been provided by agreement of some of the clearing house banks for lending in the stock market at market rates, the whole list rebounded and a rather urgent demand developed from the shorts. Soon after 12 o'clock the first period of actual calm which had been seen on the Stock Exchange in two days settled down, the liquidation having been brought to a standstill.

At a meeting of the clearing house committee a second subscription of $10,000,000 was made up for lending in the stock market.

Money opened at 25 per cent, at 12:30 p. m. had dropped to six per cent, at 1:15 was loaning at 20 per cent, and at 1:45 had again fallen to 8 per cent.

ALL RIGHT NOW.

National Bank Situation Settling Itself in Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The national bank situation seems to grow more settled daily. Today a banker who is intimately acquainted with the whole matter said: "The Boston banks are all right now. Such troubles as have occurred did not come to banking men as a surprise, for they all know which banks were weak, and it was on this knowledge that the Clearing House Association acted. Now that there are props all along the line, which can be instantly available if needed, there is no occasion for worry."

Up to noon no clearing house certificates had been applied for.

Bank Examiner Wing, temporary receiver of the Broadway National Bank, said today that the books are in first-rate shape and that he would let the public know the situation as soon as a definite statement could be made. It is said that an effort is being made to interest new men in the bank, and that in the event of this plan being successful the depositors will receive their money at an early date and the institution be reopened.

CARRIED DOWN.

Boston Banking Firm of Dillaway & Starr Assigns.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Dillaway & Starr, bankers and brokers at 40 Water street, this city, have assigned. The firm is one of the most prominent of the kind in the city and is composed of Charles F. W. Dillaway, George H. Flint and A. W. Lawrence, Mr. Dillaway is a member of the Boston Stock Exchange. They have assigned to E. C. Hovey of Boston.

The firm is said to have carried, with two other firms, a large quantity of United States mining stock. The temporary embarrassment of the Globe National Bank and the subsequent flurry in the stock market hastened the assignment. Shortly after the opening of the market this forenoon a notice was placed on the door that the firm had assigned, and public business was suspended pending an examination of the firm's accounts.

The New York correspondents of the firm were E. L. Oppenheim & Co., but the house is said to have been carrying a very small New York account of late.

Boston Lawyer Disbarred.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Judge Fessenden in the superior equity court announced the disbarment of Isaac F. Sawyer on charges alleging that Sawyer has been guilty of deceit, that he is not of good moral character, and that he has been implicated in a malpractice case. The charges were brought by the Massachusetts Bar Association.

TO BE A BRIGADIER.

Clerks Were at Work on General Lawton's Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Up to 4 o'clock this afternoon the War Department had received no word of General Lawton's death except that conveyed in the Associated Press despatch, which was immediately given to the war officials. The President's first intimation of the loss of this brave officer was also given him by the Associated Press. The despatch was sent to the White House while the cabinet meeting was in progress, and was immediately sent into the cabinet room, where it was received with expressions of profound sorrow and regret.

It was learned at the War Department that instructions had been received last night from the President to prepare General Lawton's commission as a brigadier general in the regular army to fill one of the existing vacancies, and the adjutant general's clerks were at work on the commission when the information of General Lawton's death was conveyed to the department. General Lawton was a native of Indiana.

EXTENDED SIX MONTHS.

Railroads Given More Time to Add Safety Equipments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The interstate commerce commission has decided to grant the request of the railroads for an extension of time in which to equip their rolling stock with approved couplers and other safety equipments. The commission will announce its decision probably tomorrow, and it is understood the time limit will be extended six months from January 1 next.

MINERS ALL ESCAPED.

Buildings and Machinery Carried Down in a Cave-in.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A cave-in occurred in the cement mines of the New York & Rosendale cement works at Rosendale this morning. Fifteen miners are reported to be buried.

It was learned later that all the men escaped. Thousands of tons of rock and dirt caved in, carrying down buildings and machinery.

New Rhode Island Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Fourth-class postmasters appointed today include for Rhode Island: Norwood, Henry S. Budlong. E. R. Phillips has been appointed postmaster at Phillipdale.

Troop Ship Thomas at Singapore.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 19.—United States troop ship Thomas, with the Forty-seventh volunteer infantry on board, has arrived here.

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FRENCH MARTEN MUFFS, WORTH $5.50; THIS WEEK, $3.49

CHILDREN'S WHITE FUR SETS, WORTH $1.25; THIS WEEK, 95c

LADIES' UMBRELLAS, MADE OF MERCERIZED SILK, WITH CONGO HANDLES, WORTH $1.25; THIS WEEK, 98c

LADIES' SILK JABOTS, IN ALL COLORS, WORTH 50c.; THIS WEEK, 39c

BLACK SILK NECK RUFFES, EXTRA FULL, WITH LONG SILK ENDS, WORTH $1.50; THIS WEEK, $1

STRIPED MERCERIZED UNDERSKIRTS, WITH THREE RUFFLES, WORTH $2.50; THIS WEEK, $1.98

MEN'S UMBRELLAS, MADE OF CAROLA SILK, WITH NICE FANCY HANDLES, WORTH $1.25; THIS WEEK, $1

FANCY APRONS, TRIMMED WITH LACE AND RIBBON, WORTH 50c.; THIS WEEK, 39c

HIGH-GRADE LADIES' COATS, REDUCED FROM $14.50; THIS WEEK, $9.50

LARGE, HANDSOME DAMASK TOWELS, WITH KNOTTED FRINGE, WORTH 37½c.; THIS WEEK, 29c

KRIMMER FUR COLLARETTES, WORTH $5; THIS WEEK, $3.98

NICE FANCY-BACK SILK MITTENS; THIS WEEK, 49c

MEN'S FULL-SIZE, PURE LINEN, HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS, WORTH 25c.; THIS WEEK, 19c., or $2.15 per dozen

FLUFFY, SILKY FEATHER BOAS, VERY CHOICE ONES; $12 ONES THIS WEEK, $9.50

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This Morning's News.

PRISONERS FREED.

Lieutenant Gilmore and His Men Reported Rescued.

MANILA, Dec. 18. It is officially announced that General Young reports that he believes the American prisoners, including Lieutenant Gilmore, are now in the hands of the United States troops.

Lieutenant Colonel Howze and Major Hunter have been operating with small commands in north Ilocos province, and it is supposed that one of these has effected the release of the Americans. The report has not yet been verified.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. The rescue of Lieutenant Gilmore by Colonel Harris's column has been expected by the authorities since the receipt this morning of this despatch from General Otis: "Torres, in northern Luzon, reports several hard engagements with few casualties. Colonel Hare, with a small column, is still in pursuit of the insurgents. The column which has the American prisoners has passed through the mountains and is marching on Pangdona, a short distance east of Aparri. The navy is cooperating."

It is presumed that Colonel Hare caught up with the insurgents who were guarding Lieutenant Gilmore and party at Pangdona, and the enemy, finding escape blocked by the navy, surrendered.

General Otis today cabled the War Department as follows: "Hughes reports from Romblon island his arrival at Capiz, northern Panay, 10th inst., driving out all Tagalos. Carpenter, with six companies, is occupying northern Panay, two companies on Romblon island. Hughes, with battalion Nineteenth infantry, has gone to Cebu to police that island."

ACROSS THE TUGELA.

Report Current That Buller Has Passed the River.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Daily Mail hears from a hitherto reliable correspondent that General Buller, after a stiff fight, crossed the Tugela river. The correspondent also states that General Methuen's communications are cut.

A despatch to the Central News from Modder river states that Saturday afternoon the Boers blew up the railway two miles south of the British camp.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Frere Camp says that the bodies of two guides, who misled General Gatacre at Stormberg, were found on the battlefield. The men had been shot.

There was unbounded enthusiasm and activity at the headquarters of the volunteers this morning, and the corps commanders were inundated with thousands of offers for service in South Africa. The staff of the Honorable Artillery Company called this morning at headquarters and earnestly pressed their services. At Edinburgh 300 artillery volunteers presented themselves before Hay.

With reference to rumors circulated today on the Stock Exchange, the Associated Press has been officially informed that the queen is in excellent health and that there is no indication of the seriousness of Kitchener.

Another and better account of the battle of Colenso appears in today's Daily Mail. The message which was dispatched from Frere Camp says that Hart's brigade did actually cross the Tugela. The Boers in great force occupied a strong entrenched position, commanding the river, and the message, in the face of a murderous Nordenfelt and rifle fire, crossed over, but the position on the other side was found to be utterly untenable, and they were obliged to retreat. On the right Hildyard's brigade, displaying equal heroism, succeeded in entering the village of Colenso, but the Sixth Battery encountered a terrible fire and was compelled to retire, leaving both guns and ammunition wagons on the field. This brigade also had to fall back, and in the meantime Barton's brigade failed to carry Hlangwani Hill, and the attack here was obliged to retreat.

The correspondent adds that there were heavy losses on both sides, but in the nature of things the Boer casualties can scarcely have been so great as the British.

A Daily Mail telegram from Naauwpoort states that General French was ordered to evacuate Vandkop owing to his being outflanked.

Field Marshal General Lord Roberts will leave for Cape Town Saturday on the Dunottar Castle, which took out General Buller.

General Warren has left Cape Town for De Aar, and his journey is believed to be not unconnected with numerous reports of a strong Boer force gathering in the vicinity of Orange river.

TO RELIEVE THE MONEY MARKET.

Government Will Allow Internal Revenue Receipts to Accumulate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. Secretary Gage decided this evening to aid in relieving the monetary pressure by permitting the internal revenue receipts to accumulate up to a certain limit in the national banks. This course was decided upon after a long conference with the President, to which the Secretary went [illegible] from Chicago. [illegible] the situation.

The Secretary has [illegible], and several have expressed to the President. The [illegible] influences in the New York market were largely the result of over-[illegible] in trust securities, and that it was not in the power of the government to take any reasonable action to prevent the extent of squeezing which some of these holders [illegible]. It was, however, all of a piece, that the Treasury Department was bound to defer the market of the unfavorable effects of the operations of the department and to withdraw money from circulation, and taking it are beyond the [illegible] of trade. The place has been [illegible] for several months. The accumulation of ordinary receipts in Washington and [illegible] a point of [illegible] receipts which the Secretary has been proposing to leave in the [illegible] [illegible] is compelled to pledge [illegible] of the money left in their custody [illegible] for the use of these [illegible] to the amount of $50,000,000, [illegible] $100,000,000, or [illegible] $80,000,000, and [illegible] to be [illegible] to any up to $120,000,000.

The cash balance of the Treasury to-[illegible] and internal revenue receipts was about $280,000,000. [illegible] $100,000,000 would be [illegible] in the Treasury, in addition to a considerable amount held against banking checks and similar demand liabilities. There may be some question as to how far to make the banks can use the funds necessary to pledge security, but the New York bank [illegible] probably be able to borrow from trust companies and other large holders.

There has been reluctance at the Treasury Department to take any further action to aid the money market, unless absolutely required, because of the indifference with which previous offers have been received. The treasury does not feel justified in paying excessive prices for bonds, especially in view of the fact that there is doubt whether the bonds are in the hands of those who most need assistance. The offers thus far made have included one to purchase $25,000,000 in four and five per cent bonds and one to pay the interest on all the public debt up to July 1, subject to a rebate of 2-10 of one per cent per month. The total offers of bonds thus far for sale to the government have been nearly $67,000,000 less than the amount which the secretary offered to buy.

Comptroller Dawes was in communication by telephone, today, with the Boston clearing house committee, but received encouraging reports regarding the situation there. He was informed at the division of the clearing house to issue clearing house certificates, if necessary, to the solvent banks, which may need a little temporary aid, and expressed his gratification at the action taken. He is satisfied that no further difficulty will be experienced at Boston, and that two or three banks against which some suspicion was directed are in a thoroughly sound condition and will be able to meet their liabilities upon demand.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

The New York Sun has received so many evidences of confused minds regarding the beginning of the twentieth century that it will present a proof that the twentieth century begins after the year 1900 is ended, in the shape of a little conversation:

Question. What is a year?

Answer.—Three hundred and sixty-five days.

What is a century?

One hundred years.

When did the year No. 1 end?

December 31 of the year 1.

When did the year No. 2 begin?

January 1, of the year 2.

When did the year 99 end?

December 31, A. D. 99.

Did that complete a century?

No.

When was the century completed?

At the close of the year following 99, or at the close of the year 100.

When did the second century begin?

January 1 of the year 101 of the second century—that is, January 1, A. D. 101.

When did the nineteenth century end?

At the close of the nineteen hundredth year, or at the close of 1900.

Q. When does the twentieth century begin?

A. It begins on day No. 1 of year No. 1 of the twentieth hundred years—that is, on January 1, A. D. 1901.

We must see two Christmases before the twentieth century dawns.

MIDDLETOWN.

[Regular correspondence of the News.]

The monthly meeting of the town council and court of probate was held at the town hall yesterday afternoon. The president of the council, Mr. A. Herbert Ward, had not sufficiently recovered from the ill effects of a fall he sustained last week to warrant his attendance, and Mr. Lionel H. Peabody presided in his stead. There were also present Messrs. Arthur L. Peckham, Henry L. Chase and Rescom S. Peckham.

The road contractors were granted orders on the town treasurer for the balances due them on their respective contracts, and all but one was paid in full. The orders granted were to William J. Peckham for $13.05, for stoning 575 feet of the Wyatt road; J. Overton Peckham for $103, for stoning 886 feet of Paradise avenue, and J. Overton Peckham for $75.15, for stoning 840 feet of Bliss road. J. Overton Peckham presented an account for extra work and material applied to the East Main road and on Bliss road, amounting to $121.61, which was allowed and ordered paid; also accounts of John H. Spooner, surveyor of road district No. 1, amounting to $85.93; James H. Barker, surveyor of district No. 3, $105.75, and John D. Blair, for services as town sergeant, $11.50.

In court of probate John B. Taylor was appointed as guardian of George Alfred Whitman and required to give bond in the sum of $1,000, with Pardon T. Brownell as surety. Edward A. Brown, Hermon F. Peckham and James B. Chase were appointed appraisers.

Lyman H. Barker, administrator on the estate of William Peckham, presented his second and final account therewith, which was referred to the third Monday in January and notice ordered thereon.

Like disposition was made of the first account of Joel Peckham, administrator on the estate of Frederick A. Lawton.

This far only six persons have registered their names in the town clerk's office for the purpose of voting in the year 1900. Although Middletown is a small township, there are quite a number of persons eligible to vote by registration. For several years the average has not exceeded 50, and according to present indications the number will not exceed this average in 1900. The town clerk will be at the schoolhouse on Paradise avenue Wednesday evening of this week, and at the schoolhouse on Third Beach road Friday evening, and give opportunity for registration to persons living in those vicinities.

The French tax on playing cards yielded the government 1,501,[illegible] francs last year, which is 77,511 francs less than in the preceding year.

The encouraging feature of the growing popularity of Indian corn abroad is that the United States need fear no rival in the production of that grain. The lands which are most formidable rivals in wheat culture cannot produce corn. New York Tribune.

A CAPITAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT

FOR ANY YOUNG MAN, OR OLD ONE, EITHER, IS A PAIR OF

Military Hair Brushes.

WE HAVE THEM AND WE HAVE SOLD A GREAT NUMBER OF THEM. BUT THEY ARE CHOICE, QUALITY THE BEST, PRICES MOST REASONABLE. ENTIRE STATES.

FOR THE LADIES WE HAVE A LIMITED STOCK OF

Sachet Powder and Colognes.

OUR DOUBLE A MIXTURE SACHET HAS ESTABLISHED A REPUTATION FOR itself.

The Hub Pharmacy,

E. S. Blumenkranz, Dispensing Pharmacist

130 Thames Street, Cor. Mary.

TELEPHONE 262-4.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

GROWING OUTDOORS IN DECEMBER.

Plants Flowering in the Open Air in Newport, December 19, 1870.

To the Editor of the Daily News:

In conversation with Miss Annie R. Coggeshall, aunt of City Treasurer Coggeshall and a past mistress on nature studies, one who could speak of trees, even from the cedar tree, to the hyssop that springeth out of the wall, I mentioned the fact that I had in my garden at that time, the shortest days of the year 1870, over 50 plants in bloom. She was of the opinion that she could furnish the names of 150. As will be seen from the list which she gave me, and which I have preserved for 29 years, on December 19, 1870, there were nearly 200 plants in blossom in the open air, on the shortest day of the year. The list follows:

Scabiosa Virginica.
Achillea millefolium.
Ageratum mexicum.
Aquilegia Canadensis.
Myosotis scorpioides.
Antirrhinum majus.
Bellis perennis.
Bidens Canadensis.
Bidens leucanthe.
Brassica Napus.
Brassica oleracea.
Brassica Sinapistrum.
Bunnelia officinalis.
Calendula officinalis.
Callopsis tinctoria.
Cheiranthus Cheiri.
Yarrow (crimson and white).
Scotch Parsley.
Sweet Alyssum.
Amaranth.
Roman Wormwood.
Pimpernel (scarlet and black).
Snapdragon.
English Daisy.
Swamp Buggarticks.
Common Buggarticks.
Tansy.
Cabbage.
Chelidonium.
Sweet Pea.
Dianthus Caryophyllus.
Dianthus barbatus.
Dianthus Chinensis.
Dianthus deltoides.
Erigeron Canadense.
Erigeron speciosum.
Eschscholtzia Californica.
Euphorbia peplus.
Euphorbia maculata.
Gazania splendens.
Gnaphalium tataricum.
Gnaphalium globosum.
Helianthus annuus.
Helianthus tuberosus.
China Aster.
Shepherd's Purse.
Mouse-ear Chickweed.
Wallflower.
Chrysanthemum (varieties) 10.
Canada Thistle.
Common Thistle.
Clinging Corydalis.
Carnet (yellow and white).
Field Lobelia.
Bedder Lobelia.
Big Larkspur.
China Pink.
Sweet William.
Honeysuckle.
Robin's Pincushion.
Gaillardia.
Cape.
Petty Spurge.
Spotted Stonecrop.
Sow Thistle.
Globe Amaranth.
Gaillardia Pulchella Flower.
Hydrangea Hortensia.
Herb Robert.
Iberis umbellata.
Ipomoea purpurea.
Lactuca sativa.
Lathyrus Latifolius.
Lathyrus odoratus.
Leontodon autumnale.
Leucanthemum vulgare.
Leucanthemum Parthenium.
Lonicera Japonica.
Lychnis Chalcedonica.
Malva rotundifolia.
Malva sylvestris.
Matthiola incana.
Mesembryanthemum.
Nepeta Cataria.
Nepeta Glechoma.
Oxalis stricta.
Pelargonium zonale.
Petunia nyctaginiflora.
Petunia violacea.
Phlox Drummondii.
Phlox subulata.
Physalis.
Lunaria (purple and white).
Morning Glory.
Garden Lettuce.
Everlasting Pea.
Sweet Pea.
Fall Dandelion.
Orange Lily.
Coreopsis.
Japan Honeysuckle.
Ragged Robin.
Round-leaved Mallow.
High Mallow.
Stock gilly.
Blue Vervain.
Catnip.
Cat's foot (?).
Wood Sorrel.
Scarlet Geranium.
White Petunia.
Purple Petunia.
Garden Phlox.
Ground Phlox, Moss Pink.
Heart's ease Pansy.
Prickly saxifrage.
Polygonum dumetorum.
Polygonum Persicaria.
Quamoclit coccinea.
Rosella odorata.
Rosa indica.
Rumex Acetosella.
Salvia splendens.
Salvia officinalis.
Sedum acre.
Sedum reflexum.
Sedum Anglicum.
Sedum Aizoon.
Sedum stellatum.
Sedum ternatum.
Silene Armeria.
Silene Pendula.
Silene Quinquevulnera.
Sonchus oleraceus.
Stellaria media.
Trifolium arvense.
Trifolium pratense.
Trifolium repens.
Tropaeolum majus.
Verbena.
Vinca minor.
Viola tricolor.
Violet (white).
Wallflower.
Climbing False Buckwheat.
Lady's Thumb.
Scarlet Quamoclit.
Winged Pea.
Oxalis.
Red Crested Lychnis.
Sweet Scented.
Scarlet Salvia.
Wooly Stonecrop.
Blue Gum Stonecrop.
Lucmodill.
Catchfly.
Hedge Mustard.
Stemless Scarlet Silene.
Common Sow Thistle.
Cardinal.
Bladder Red Clover.
Red Clover.
White Clover.
Cinquefoil.
Yellow crested Anemone.
Periwinkle.
Bee gum Vetch.

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Newport, Dec. 19, 1899.

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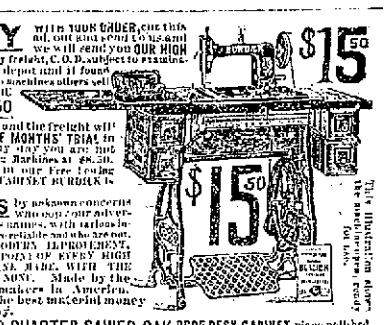

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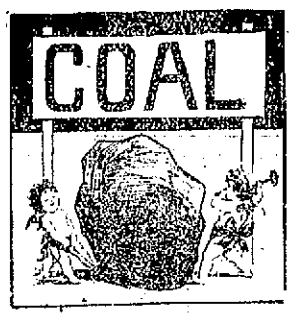

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50 dozen Boys' Extra-Heavy Cotton Hose, 1-2 ribbed, fast black, high spliced heel and toe, extra value at 25c.; this sale, while they last, at 12 1-2c. a pair.

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Great reductions in Underwear of all kinds.

Ladies' Wrappers, former prices 75c., $1 and $1.50, now 39c., 69c. and 98c.

Do not fail to examine the great bargains in Dress Goods, Silks, etc.

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All other Corsets at same great reduction.

Ladies' Fur Collarettes and Boas never before offered in this city at the prices we have marked them.

1 lot Ladies' Black Kid Shoes, button and lace, original price $3.50, now $1.25.

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Although we are bound by contract not to sell "Queen Quality" Shoes below the regular price, we will give free to each purchaser of "Queen Quality" Shoes, a nice present, their choice of three different articles. Call and examine.

Sterling Silverware of all kinds, at prices below the cost of manufacture.

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SPEAKER HENDERSON.

New Presiding Officer of the House Pugnacious but Sincere.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives has, through the evolution of the political system of the United States, grown so steadily in power since the era of reconstruction that he is today, excepting only the President, the man of the most ample influence in public affairs on the continent. It is not surprising, therefore, that the election of David B. Henderson of Iowa to that important office at the present session of Congress should awaken widespread interest among his countrymen.

Who is he? What are his qualifications for the office? What is his character, personality and temper? Does he place patriotism above partisanship, or partisanship above patriotism? Will he be tempted to abuse the mighty power intrusted to his charge? Has he intelligent grasp of all public questions, large and small? What is his attitude toward the significant political problems now pressing for solution—the currency, the situation in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines; the Nicaraguan canal project, the Alaskan boundary dispute and other questions of internal policy? Will he run the House of Representatives on "business principles," as his illustrious predecessor did? Will he apply the scientific spirit to the investigation and solution of large public problems, or will he adopt the more picturesque method of ruling all legislation by the human and personal standard?

Has he the rare faculty which not only plans methodically but also reaches conclusions surely and executes them with celerity? Does his election as Speaker encourage the people to hope that the Fifty-sixth Congress will be epoch making in its deliberations?

David B. Henderson is a Scotchman by birth. He was born at Old Dear, Scotland, 50 years ago. His parents, probably remembering the pleasantry that "much might be made of a Scotchman if he be caught quite young," determined to emigrate. In 1846, when the boy was only six years old, the family left the old country and sailed for America, settling first in Illinois and moving in 1849 to Iowa.

David's boyhood was not unlike that of thousands of American boys brought up on the farm. He inherited the courage of his pioneer father, and learned early in life that he must make his own way in the world. His first, and as he has often been heard to say his best discipline was obtained at the plough, and he has never ceased to be grateful that he acquired the genius for hard work in long hours of labor in the winter's cold and under the vertical rays of summer suns on his father's farm.

He stuck to the farm until he was 21. During those years he was laying surely the foundation for that character of earnestness, method and perseverance which has since made him a power in national politics. The road he traveled was not easy, and often the journey seemed long and tiresome, but "Dave" Henderson kept at his work like Burns—sang gayly as he ploughed his father's fields, and came home at nightfall to cheer his mother and sustain and strengthen her with filial sympathy. His devotion to his home was marked, and his attentions and ministrations to his parents at all times unfailing.

"There goes a young man," said an old neighbor one day, observing Henderson's tenderness and kindness to his parents, "who will some day be one of two things—a great minister of the Gospel or a commanding leader of men."

While on the farm young Henderson continued to attend the common schools and the Upper Iowa University. He was diligent as a student, but his ambition for profound study was cut short in 1861.

Iowa at the outbreak of the war was a hotbed of loyalty to the Union and the constitution. When the summons came young Henderson, then in his twenty-third year, promptly volunteered as a private in Company C, Twelfth regiment of Iowa volunteers. In 1863 he was wounded, lost his leg and compelled to retire from field service. He returned to duty as soon as practicable and served continuously throughout the rest of the war.

After the cessation of hostilities he returned to Iowa, applied himself to the study of law in the office of Russell & Shiras and was admitted to the bar in the fall of 1865. In 1869 he was appointed assistant United States district attorney for the northern section of the state and soon afterward entered actively the field of politics.

His career in public life is associated almost entirely with his services in the House of Representatives. During the 14 years he has been a member of Congress he has impressed himself sensibly upon national legislation and has won and kept the respect, affection, confidence and admiration of a large majority of his Republican associates and Democratic opponents.

General Henderson may not be easily compared with any of the great Speakers of the House of Representatives. He has not the unfailing intellectual poise which characterized the first really great Speaker of the House, Nathaniel Macon, whom John Randolph of Roanoke called "the best and wisest man in America." It is not probable that he will rule the House with Macon's simplicity, quietness, gentleness or decisiveness. Nor can General Henderson be likened to Henry Clay, who was the first to introduce the dramatic element into the Speaker's chair.

In one respect only he is like the great Kentuckian—General Henderson is steeped to his lips with pugnacity. Whenever there was a fight on in the House, like the Irishman, he wanted to be "in it." All the pleasures of the lobby couldn't keep General Henderson off the floor if there was any prospect for an all around rough and tumble debate going on inside. He would be the earliest to thrust his head through the open doors and cry "Mr. Speaker!" at the first opportunity. But in no other respect does General Henderson suggest the characteristics which made Henry Clay in his day peerless as a parliamentary leader.

It would be unfair also to compare General Henderson with the eminent Speakers since the civil war—with Blaine, Randall, Carlisle, Crisp and Reed. He lacks Blaine's wonderful versatility and unapproachable personal magnetism. He has not Randall's clear cut intellect and nice discrimination in defining political issues and shaping public policies. He does not measure up to Carlisle's judicial temper, power of statement and comprehensive grasp of delicate and difficult situations. He has not Crisp's reputation for non-partisanship. He lacks the political resourcefulness, the unyielding tenacity and the profoundly intellectual force which combined to make his predecessor, Thomas B. Reed, in many respects the most remarkable Speaker in the history of the House of Representatives.

And yet General Henderson will, in all probability, by his character, succeed in impressing himself upon the members of the House and upon his countrymen generally. The new Speaker-to-be is essentially eminently a sincere man. Sincerity is the key-note of his character. No one can know him without realizing at once that he is near a personality which emphasizes the actual, not the ostentatious, and which is impatient of sham and pretence and duplicity in any and every form. It is this royal characteristic, sincerity, that has stood General Henderson in good stead throughout his somewhat stormy Congressional career.

General Henderson is an exceedingly humane man. He has the strong impulses of human nature. His early training and education and the experience of his young manhood tended to cultivate the humane quality in his nature. He brought out of his four years' service in the army matured characteristics which have dominated his political life. Ardent devotion to what he believes to be right and just. Unrelenting hostility to what he believes to be wrong and unjust!

There is no dividing line with General Henderson. He is not a master in the art of splitting hairs. Casuistry he scorns. He tries to think clearly, and he feels deeply.

General Henderson has the Scotch high temper. He is what Dr. Johnson would call "a good hater." He hates intensely, but not always discriminatingly. His passion at times gets the upper hand. Like Washington, he has "an imperious and impetuous temper," but unlike the Father of his Country, General Henderson has not "perfect control" of it. In the running fire of debate he is, when hard put to it, apt to say and do things which he cannot look upon with complacency after the storm has subsided. He carries to the House of Representatives the rough and tumble tactics of "the hustings." His discussion of public questions is apt to be emotional rather than philosophical—prejudiced rather than judicial. With the advocate's fatality he is unable to see but one side of the case—his own side—and would, if remonstrated with, reply as Charles Sumner once did, "There is no other side."

For these reasons, General Henderson has in his day made many temporary enemies on the floor of the House. But they have been only for the time—the upshot of impulse instead of intention—and so easily forgotten. Often after a heated debate, in which unpleasant things had been said, General Henderson would cross over to the Democratic side and in that straight out, sincere way of his say: "You fellows mustn't take what I say too much to heart. You ought to know there's nothing personal about it. If I were over here and you over there I guess it would be just the same," and then he would shake hands all around and invite a score of Democrats into the lobby. He is as blunt in conciliation as in quarrel, but his handsome heart comes to his rescue and smooths things out for him.

In politics General Henderson is, by reputation, at least, a partisan. He is "a Republican by inheritance, instinct, training, education and by the proved experience of nearly 60 years," as he himself puts it. Had circumstances been different he might have been just as ardent a Democrat. If there is one word General Henderson cannot endure, it is "independent" in politics. In the bright lexicon of public life there should be, according to his idea, no such word as "mugwump." He takes his politics "straight."

His partisanship has manifested itself emphatically on all pension, tariff and currency legislation. He has always favored liberal expenditure of public moneys for civil war pensioners. He has never been able to understand how any one could oppose applications from all alleged widows, orphans and other dependents of the men who fought to make and keep the nation what it is. On the pension question he has made his worst enemies. It is safe to predict that the policy of granting liberal pensions will not be checked on account of General Henderson's election to the Speakership.

On the money question, he has always been a consistent sound money, anti-inflation, gold currency Republican. He has never felt that he need make any excuses or apologies for that attitude, and has ably and eloquently defended his position. On the general question of legally enacting the single gold standard, his influence might be reasonably counted upon to support the affirmative.

General Henderson's attitude toward the Cuban, Porto Rican and the Philippine problems is well understood. He is by every impulse and instinct of his generous nature in favor of fulfilling the nation's pledge for Cuban independence, just as soon as practicable, and he also indorses a liberal policy toward Porto Rico.

In regard to the Philippines General Henderson has somewhat modified his views. A year ago he was not quite sure that the United States should retain the islands or even continue to prosecute the war. His speech in the House during the last session was pointedly anti-imperialistic, and even anti-expansion. Those who knew him best felt that General Henderson would naturally favor independence for the people there, and they were not surprised when he expressed his views so decidedly.

Since that time, however, he has altered his opinions. The developments of the last year have impressed upon him the necessities of certain conditions, and he has discarded the theoretical and accepted the practical view of the situation.

General Henderson believes the United States is a great, not a cheap country, and that legislation should be shaped on a large or somewhat liberal scale. He is in favor of developing American commerce, and approves the building of the Nicaraguan canal and the consummation of other important plans.

General Henderson will have the advantage of a clear Republican majority in the House. His hold upon his party is strong, and the opportunity for important and far-reaching legislation is not to be despised. Whether or not the new Speaker will encourage the House to attempt large things cannot be determined. The machinery of Congress is somewhat cumbersome, even under the most intelligent direction.

Mr. Reed introduced the scientific spirit when he was Speaker, and insisted that the House should conduct its business on purely business methods. He carried his point. Academic statesmanship was knocked on the head by the "man from Maine."

General Henderson will not probably subordinate the heart to the intellect so thoroughly as did Mr. Reed. The human element will largely enter into the Congressional situation this winter. General Henderson's will be a personal and human, not a scientific and mechanical, leadership.

WHERE GOLD IS PLENTIFUL.

Two New Yorkers were arguing recently about the respective merits of the Transvaal and Alaska as gold-producing countries. One pointed to the vast stores of yellow metal which the Boer country has already produced as proof that Alaska was nowhere in comparison, and the other argued that the South African fields were nearly exhausted, while Alaska had barely begun to reward the miner, but would be doing so generously long after the Transvaal diggings had been abandoned. Finally, finding that neither could convince the other, they began banteringly to swap lies upon the subject. The Afrikander champion told the best one. "Why," said he, "when I was there gold was so plentiful that the bootblacks wouldn't black your boots at all. They just gilded them."

There Is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1 cent a cup. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c. and 25c. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

THE BABY.

Like a tiny gleam of light piercing through
the dusky gloom
Comes her little laughing face through
the shadows of my room.

And my pen forgets its way as it hears
her patt ring tread,
While her prattling treble tones chase
the thoughts from out my head.

She is queen and I her slave, one who
loves her and obeys,
For she rules her world of home with
imperious baby ways.

In she dances, calls me "Dear!" turns
the pages of my books;
Throws herself upon my knee, takes my
pen with laughing looks.

Makes disorder reign supreme, turns my
paper up side down,
Draws me cabalistic signs, safe from
fear of any frown.

Crumbles all my verses up, pleased to
hear the crackling sound,
Makes them into balls and then—flings
them all upon the ground

Suddenly she flits away, leaving me
alone again
With a warmth about my heart and a
brighter, clearer brain.

And although the thoughts return that
her coming drove away,
The remembrance of her laugh lingers
with me through the day.

And in chances, as I write, I may take a
crumpled sheet,
On the which, God knoweth why! read
my fancies twice as sweet.

—[Victor Hugo.

FANCIES.

Now Tommy hops when he is bid,
All chores he does, he's rarely chid;
He is a different boy because
His eyes are fixed on Santa Claus.
—[Chicago Record.

A young man's best girl is never too good to be true.—[Chicago News.

Mrs. Waggs—Does your husband suffer from chronic thirst?

Mrs. Jaggs—Oh, dear, no. He doesn't wait long enough.—[Chicago News.

Tommy—Mamma had a lot of things sent home C. O. D. today. What does C. O. D. mean?

Tommy's father—C. O. D. means "Call on Dad."—[Philadelphia Record.

Brown—I hear Jones is looking around for new quarters.

Smith—Oh, I guess he isn't particular about their newness. He borrowed an old one from me this morning.—[Chicago News.

It is said that there are 61 counties in Kansas where there is not a bicycle in use. Pedestrians in those 61 counties will make no mistake if they stay right where they are and not trouble themselves about any other heaven.—[Boston Transcript.

Old man—Why don't you marry?

Young one—Do you think a man could procure all the necessities of life on $1,800 a year?

Old man—Of course, but not the luxuries.

Young one—Well, I haven't decided yet whether a wife is a necessity or a luxury.—[Detroit Free Press.

Playwright—I suppose you saw the premier performance of my comedy last night?

First-nighter—Yes, I was there.

Playwright—How did you like the climax of the first act?

First-nighter—Really, I didn't see that.

Playwright—Too bad! Got there too late, eh?

First-nighter—No. Went away too soon.—[Catholic Standard and Times.

A POSTOFFICE ON WHEELS.

So satisfactory has been the test in a portion of Carroll County, Maryland, of the "postoffice on wheels" that the department has decided to extend the system over the whole of the county. As has been told, the idea is that of Edwin Shriver of Westminster, Md., it being an application of the railroad postoffice system. One wagon has been running for some months, and three more are to be added soon. At certain points these delivery wagons will be met by smaller conveyances, which will cover the county between the most divergent points of the four great arteries of the system. The service at first encountered the bitter hostility of the fourth-class postmasters and of the star-route contractors, who were quick to recognize that the extension of the system meant their eventual ruin. Within the next few weeks 63 fourth-class postoffices in the country will be closed, and 25 star-route contracts will be abrogated. The compensation of these postmasters amounts to $5,200 per year, and the star-route contractors received $8,100. Against this aggregate of $10,300 saved, the new system, as now organized, will cost $11,500, so that until more postoffices are abolished and star routes wiped out, the service will cost the government $1,200 more than it is now paying these postmasters and star-route contractors. But there will be more postoffices closed. The service will before the end of the year cost far less than is now paid to postmasters and contractors.

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MENU FOR WEDNESDAY.

We will now discuss in a little more detail the struggle for existence.—[Charles Darwin.

Breakfast.
Fruit.
Boiled Codfish. Hollandaise.
Potatoes, Creamed. Cress.
Waffles; Coffee.

Luncheon.
Oysters a la Balfine.
Fried Sweet Potatoes.
Des Veignets aux Fraises.

Dinner.
Cream of Rice.
Radishes. Celery. Sweet Pickles.
Roast of Veal.
Mashed Potatoes. Spinach.
Chicory Salad.
Mince Pies. Coffee.

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Des Veignets aux Fraises. For these you must make a batter of another sort from what you have seen before. To two eggs, well beat whites and yolks both, put about half pint of cream made thick with fine flour, a little fine sugar and nutmeg; put in your strawberries, raw or preserved, and drop them into hot lard to fry, a spoonful at a time. Dish them up in a pyramid and sift sugar over and between them. This is a pretty way of making fritters of any kind of fruit.

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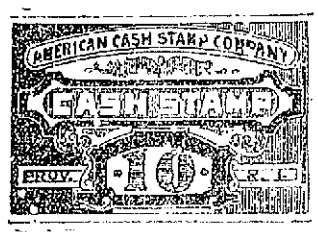

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ALMOST A PANIC.

The news from New York and Boston yesterday indicates certain circumstances that lead to the impression that possibly a panic is at hand. Well known concerns, big and little, are failing, and without seeming reason. The only explanation given is that money is scarce and cannot be had for the transaction of proper business. When such concerns as the Squire company and the Produce Exchange Trust Company of New York, that have recently failed, agree in this thing there can be no doubt that something is wrong. Banks that are perfectly solvent should not be compelled to close their doors for temporary scarcity of funds available for business. Something is wrong certainly in our financial system, and probably it is the want of elasticity that is apparent. Our wise men in Congress have not seen fit to grant authority to use more money in times of stringency. They have set a figure for all circumstances and all times, without regard to character or business, and endeavor to make the business men of the country live up to it. As we have seen in the recent struggles for capital, this is not a wise thing to do. There should be some leeway, so that these things should not continue to occur.

WOOD'S POLICY IN CUBA.

General Wood before leaving for Havana Saturday told something of the policy he proposes to pursue as governor of Cuba. He will, so far as possible, arrange for the government of Cuba by Cubans, and believes that they will very readily adapt themselves to the task. He will do everything he can to improve the school system. A special effort will be made to secure good roads for intercommunication between various parts of the island and to encourage the building of coastwise sea service. The governor will very radically alter the judicial system and method of court procedure. He will continue to encourage the increase of knowledge of sanitation and hasten the execution of sanitary works, believing fully that the island can be made healthy. Realizing the importance of Cuba's strategical position he will further the immediate construction of proper modern fortifications. General Wood says:

"There will be no uprising in Cuba. The people are satisfied, not dissatisfied, with what the American government has done. There is no more likelihood of an uprising in Cuba than there is a likelihood of an uprising in New York state. Twenty-five thousand arms have been voluntarily surrendered to me, and there is no tendency toward violent objection to our government. The only real danger that has ever existed has been from the bandit bands, which for a time infected certain parts of the island, and they have now ceased to be troublesome."

The new governor evidently has a very hopeful view of the future of Cuba and the Cubans. Let us trust he is not mistaken.

THE NEGRO EXHIBIT.

We are to have a negro exhibit at the Paris exposition, which is to be largely of an educational character. The Washington public schools are preparing one of the most attractive features, in the form of model groups, showing the evolution of the negro schoolhouse from the backwoods hut to the perfectly appointed high school building erected for the colored children of Washington. Fisk University will send a set of bound volumes of the written work of that institution, fully illustrated with photographs. From Atlanta University there will be an exhibit in sociology to cover 31 display cards, 22 by 28 inches, or a total display area of 122.6 square feet. A class of colored students, under Professor Du Bois, a colored graduate of Harvard College, will display in artistic coloring such sociological statistics as negro population at various periods, relative increase of the two races, distribution of negroes, education and illiteracy, pauperism, crime, ownership of homes, factory employment, etc. The Tuskegee Institute in Alabama is preparing a series of uniform sized display boards, to the surface of which small articles are attached, representing the 28 shops and other industries of that institution. Hampton Institute will exhibit a system of manual training which has been developed there to such an extent as to attract wide attention. This institution will also furnish a most interesting photographic display.

It is hoped by means of this exhibit to convince the countries of the Old World of the negro's importance as a laborer and a producer, and of the development of the race in education and industry. The fund for the exhibit is very small, but the colored people are co-operating with the commissioners in every way, and adding money of their own, and there is evidence of a creditable exhibition, and one that will prove to be a genuine attraction.

The Brockton Times says: "How comforting it must be to the residents of Boston's Back Bay district to learn that an analysis of a quart of Commonwealth Avenue air showed the presence of 200,000 microbes. That section of the Hub looks very attractive on the surface, but those who remember the district when it was very much of a swamp and was being filled in recall that there was not much fastidiousness employed in the selection of the material for filling. The territory was the dumping ground for all kinds of refuse."

The impression prevails in Washington that the contest of Matthew S. Quay for a seat in the Senate under the governor's appointment will not be a success. The statement that President McKinley does not favor his admission under the circumstances seems to have settled it, and yet, like Aguinaldo, the elusive soldier, there is no knowing where Quay will turn up next. At least he may be expected to anticipate success next year, under more favorable circumstances.

The labor organizations of Chicago are planning to erect a $100,000 office building to be used as headquarters in that city. It is to be owned and controlled by the Building Trade Council of Chicago and be ready for occupancy within a year. An innovation will be introduced by the elimination of the contractor in the construction of the new building and no middlemen will figure in the project. The Building Trades Council will have the plans drawn, will purchase all material from the manufacturers, and will direct the construction. It will be a temple of labor, dedicated to trades unionism from foundation to roof.

Dover, England, has an electric railway company of a curious turn of mind, that is disposed to give its patrons the full benefits which they deserve. It reduces fares for the remarkable reason that in the past it has cleared on this part of its traffic $10,000 per year at the full penny or two-cent rate, and it considers that the reduced fare will yield the proper dividend on its bona fide investment. That's rather an unusual proceeding on the part of a corporation, but one sure to be appreciated by the people it affects.

Fall River has added to its manufacturing establishment one which is to be engaged in automobile and telephonic manufacturing. Newport might have had the same, possibly, had the citizens of the town possessed sufficient energy and enterprise to engage in the work; but somehow or other, while there is an abundance of capital within our city there is no use for it at home.

Great Britain proposes to send 50,000 additional men to the Transvaal at once for the subjugation of the Dutch republic. They will all be needed, judging from recent events, if for no other reason than that the Boer housewives threaten to bear arms for their country, if it comes to that. They will doubtless do so, for their blood is up.

Erving Winslow, secretary of the anti-imperialist committee, denies that he has ever been in communication with the Filipino insurgents. Neither has Mr. Atkinson, because of the diligence of the United States mail authorities in denying his communications admission.

It is now reported that Insurance Commissioner "Lou" Payne of New York has been persuaded to give up his fight with Governor Roosevelt for reappointment, and that as a price for this kindly spirit he has been promised a nomination for Congress next year.

The Republican national conventions have been held, since 1856, twice in Philadelphia, five times in Chicago, and once each in Baltimore, Cincinnati, Minneapolis and St. Louis. Next year Philadelphia will add another convention to her list.

These are days when reports are coming in of increase of wages from every quarter. The latest is from Pennsylvania, where 1,000 Bessemer steel workers have been advanced 10 per cent. This is good news for the Christmas time, and there cannot be too much of it.

Of the Democrats who voted in the House yesterday for the gold standard currency bill, eight were from New York and one each from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Maryland. The Republicans, to a man, voted for the bill.

General Joubert was probably right in his prophecy that if the Dutch republic of South Africa was to be wiped out it would be at a price that would stagger humanity. It looks as if this prediction is being fulfilled.

The Goebelites won a victory in Kentucky yesterday, electing June W. Gayle a Congressman by a plurality of 3,000 over ex-Congressman Owen, who ran as a fusion candidate. Mr. Gayle will succeed the late Mr. Settle.

About two weeks more will finish the present city government in Newport, and yet we shall have nothing new. Practically the same men and the same interests will prevail under the new administration as under the old.

The winter has advanced so far up around Fall River that the ponds have nearly claimed one victim to thin ice. This sounds rather unseasonable here, with the weather as it is this morning.

John D. Rockefeller has surrendered to Booker T. Washington, to the extent of dividing his cash with him in the sum of $10,000 for his industrial school.

The New York presbytery has wisely condemned the work on theology of Dr. McGiffert, but decided not to engage in a heresy trial.

It was stormy weather on the Stock Exchange yesterday.

These are the shortest days of the year.

THE EMPIRE AT STAKE.

There is no longer a doubt that the British empire is at stake in this South African war. All England seems now willing to face the issue. It has required only a realization of the fact to insure such a reinforcing of the British armies in the field that the tide of battle will soon be turned. The proposition is simple: England cannot afford for an instant to permit the Boers, and much less the world, to believe that these reverses which she has lately been suffering will cause her to withdraw from the contest and make terms. The fighting, or the bluffing, or both, must be maintained to the last moment and with the last man. Else were England forever crushed to the rank of an insular kingdom, beset by the enemies whom centuries of conquest and warfare have won for her.

The least wavering now would be fatal. Europe is watching with eyes that penetrate into the most sacred secrets of the English administration. Is there a faint heart in the cabinet at London, Germany knows the fact instanter. Is there a swelling chorus of criticism, Russia hears it on the first echo. Is there a faltering in the war-lord's hand as he moves his pawns, France trembles with eagerness for the counter-move. Seldom before has a nation stood under such painful scrutiny, and amidst so many harrowing doubts and griefs. But back of it all is the knowledge that if the fight in Africa is lost, there will be other fights to lose in quick succession forthwith, and it will be but a question of time, and a short time at that, before the splendid empire, the work of centuries and of thousands of lives and countless millions of pounds, will have melted into history.

This is no exaggeration of the state of case. If England cannot force her propositions to the Boers and their neighborhood allies she can hardly hope to hold her own against the antagonistic influences of Europe which are ready to beset her, with greatly superior numbers. Conditions have materialy changed since she failed in her effort to subdue the American colonists and still held her prestige and power. There was then no such Russia as stands today with untold armies within striking distance of the Indian frontier. World politics have assumed new relationships, while the means of transmitting news and instructions have wonderfully advanced. The year 1899 is a far cry from 1781.—[Washington Star.

THE DEAD KHALIFA.

Abdullahi was 35 years of age when he joined the Mahdi. He was an active, powerfully built man, though in less than 15 years' time he had lost his agility, and already in his forty-ninth year showed signs of age. When the Mahdi sickened with typhus fever Abdullahi stayed by his bedside through day and night, and, with Osman Wad Ahmed and others, was present at his death. In his last moments the Mahdi announced to those around him that Abdullahi was appointed by the Prophet as the Mahdi's successor. One of his first acts, after disposing of threatening rivals, was to send four messengers to Cairo with letters addressed to the queen, the Sultan of Turkey, and the khedive, in which he summoned them to submit to his rule and adopt Mahdism. Due note was taken of the insolent demand, but no answer was returned, and the Khalifa is described as having been greatly offended. Soon afterwards he dispatched Abderrahman en Nejumi to take command in an attack upon Sennar, and in August, 1885, the garrison surrendered to him. The fall of the town was the signal for a series of brutal atrocities, and a number of the inhabitants, inclusive of all the more presentable young women and the daughters of the former government officials, were sent to the Khalifa, who kept some of the women for himself and distributed the rest among his emirs.

He took steps to make it understood among the populace that he meant to be the one and only ruler, crushing out any who attempted to oppose his orders. His methods were illustrated by the case of 67 men of the vigorous Batahin tribe, who, being condemned to death for disobedience, were divided into three parties, one section being hanged and the second decapitated, while the third lost their right hands and left feet. In order to show his veneration for the Mahdi he erected at Omdurman over the grave of his late master a tomb, 30 feet high, with a dome of 40 feet, which stood a conspicuous landmark until it was demolished by the Sirdar.

He made every effort to bring Arab tribes to Omdurman, including his own people, the Taaisha, who immigrated to the Khalifa's capital in a body numbering 24,000 warriors, with their wives and families, making him master of the situation and ready to undertake offensive operations against Egypt and Abyssinia. His army was steadily increased, and a great force was assembled. The battle of Gallabat followed, in which King John of Abyssinia was mortally wounded, and afterwards the battle of Toski. Early in 1889, before he decided to send Nejumi to invade Egypt, he dispatched messengers a second time to convey a warning. They were again sent back without answer. At the battle of Toski, which followed, Nejumi and most of his emirs were killed and his forces annihilated. The further misfortune of famine fell upon the Khalifa's country, and entire tribes died out, thickly populated districts becoming desert wastes. The Mahdists, however, carried out an expedition by way of Fashoda to Reggaf, with the intention of capturing Emin Pasha. The Egyptian garrison of Reggaf surrendered, but Emin had in the meantime left with Stanley. The northern borders of Mahdism were considerably extended. Abdullahi sustained a heavy blow at Gadaref at the hands of the Italians, who captured Kassala.

Throughout his wars the Khalifa pursued the same methods of inhuman cruelty which he had exhibited at the storming of Khartoum, where it was he who gave the order for no quarter, and who authorized the wholesale massacre of men, women and children. He looked with pleasure upon the most horrible mutilation and execution of his victims. In the time of his prosperity, when he held Slatin Pasha and Father Ohrwalder in bondage, he kept up a harem of over 400 women, from almost every tribe in the Soudan. Occasionally he made an inspection of his entire household, taking advantage of the opportunity to rid himself of those whom he did not wish to keep. By his principal wife he had two sons, Osman and Kadija, to whom, in spite of his brutal disposition, he showed some consideration. Previous to the destruction of Mahdism at Omdurman the principal feature of his daily life, when he was not engaged in warfare or extermination, was the saying of five prayers daily in the mosque.

"His character," says Sir R. Slatin "is a strange mixture of malice and cruelty. He delights to annoy and cause disappointment; and he is never happier than when he has brought people to complete destitution by confiscating their property, throwing them into chains, robbing families wholesale, seizing and executing all persons of tribal influence and authority, and reducing entire races to a condition of powerless impotence." Anything like morality or a well-regulated standard of family life incurred his suspicion and dislike, as the unhappy Jaalin found to their cost. He lived in a state of constant fear and mistrust, and failed to keep even his own tribe in hand. His European prisoners were often kept chained heavily by the neck and wearing irons around their feet. If he did not execute them out of hand, it was from no motive of humanity. His death, at an age not much over 54, relieves Africa of one of the worst tyrants who have blackened its history.—[London Times.

KNOCKABOUT TAKING THE PLACE OF THE CATBOAT.

A number of knockabouts have been ordered for next year, and the class has become such a favorite that it has almost entirely supplanted the catboat fleets that formerly dotted the Sound. The knockabout is perhaps the easiest handled craft in existence, and she costs less than a first-class racing 30-foot catboat. She can be produced new, with everything complete in the way of sails, etc., for about $1,000, and there is good shelter and a fair amount of comfort to be had in her cabin. When strongly built she is able to ride out a hard sea, and she is the best combination of cruiser and racer that has yet been devised. The gymnastics of the old sandbaggers, which depended on the shifting of ballast to stand up, are now almost forgotten, and it is thought that the Kit, the Dot, the Volsung and a few more are about the last of their class that will be built for the racing on the Sound. The latter boats carry an enormous mainsail, and although they have no shifting ballast, they want watching. The improved types have the call all along the line.

There will be three new and important fleets racing next year—the Herreshoff 65-foot water-line class, the 75-foot schooners, with the re-built Amorita and Quissetta included, and the fleet that will be built for the racing for the Eastern Yacht Club's cup. The latter will be yachts of 46 foot water-line and of 51 feet racing length. The latter class promises to be much liked, as the expense of running a vessel of this size is not very great. The 46-footer is about as large as amateurs wish to handle. In any racing yacht larger than this the work is too much like downright hard labor to tempt amateurs to tackle it, and then the expense of a professional crew begins. The Newport fleet of 65-footers will have to carry a professional crew all the time, with the exception of the owners, who are well known yachtsmen and will do their own steering. With them, however, the best of all yachting in which amateur crews do the whole of the work is not to be looked for, and they are only ordered by men with whom the expense of crews is not a matter of much moment.—[New York Tribune.

AROUND RHODE ISLAND.

Employes in three departments at the Clyde print works, Riverpoint, struck work for an advance in wages yesterday afternoon, and 43 hands all told, principally boys, are out, and vow that they will not return until their demand for an increase in wages is granted. Two incipient strikes, confined to the boys, occurred at the works last week, but they were of short duration, the parents of the strikers taking it upon themselves to force the boys back to work and declare the strike off. The parents' exercise of the veto power was not permanent, however. Twenty-two boys in the madder dye house, eight employed at the printing machines and 13 men and boys in the calender shop asked for an increase of wages, and when this was refused immediately quit work.

The figure, called "The Independent Man," designed by Sculptor George T. Brewster of New York for the new State House in Providence, was placed in position yesterday. It is 11 feet in height to the top of the spear, which forms the true finial of the building, and towers above anything else in and around the city. It is about 100 feet higher than the top of Neutaconkanut hill. The figure is that of an athlete, in sturdy poise, with outstretched right hand holding a spear, while the left rests on an anchor. It will be a prominent object from a distance many miles down the bay.

New cases of scarlet fever continue to be reported at the health department in Providence, and the number of patients throughout the city is gradually increasing, there being now about 50 cases. The disease, however, is of a mild form, and that, perhaps, is the cause of the increase, cases not being recognized until the children have been brought in touch with others.

The reply of Mayor Baker to the resolutions passed by the Providence Union Ministers' meeting in relation to Sunday work upon the highways was one of the features of interest at the weekly meeting of the Methodist ministers in that city yesterday. The letter stated that the mayor had been unable to find any instances where work had been done unnecessarily on the Sabbath, and said that only necessity influenced the corporations or the city to work upon the highway on Sunday. Rev. A. J. Coultas thought that since the mayor had said that no work was done unnecessarily, and the ministers were of the opinion that there was, the only thing to do was for the ministers to look for cases and report them to the mayor. Rev. J. O. Randall thought the mayor had written the only letter that it was possible for him to write. The work was apparently done under the emergency clause, and he doubted if the end of this clause would ever be reached. Rev. C. A. Stenhouse said it seemed to him that the only thing to do now was to arrest the men who were working and test the strength of the emergency clause. He was assured that if this was done he would receive the support of the ministers. No further action was taken in the matter, however.

For Wants, Losts, Tenements, etc., see page 7.

Suggestions for Christmas Gifts

What to Buy for Ladies:

Bangles, Bracelets, Belt Buckles, Bon Bon Tongs, Bonnet Pins, Book Marks, Combs, Clothes Brushes, Cologne Bottles, Glove Boxes, Garters, Glove Stretchers, Hair Pins, Hat Pin Boxes, Jewel Trays, Belt Pins, Bon Bon Spoons, Brooches, Card Cases, Chatelaines, Cuff Buttons, Emerys, Glove Buttons, Glove Hooks, Hair Brushes, Lorgnette Chains, Lockets, Mirrors, Necklaces, Pin Cushions, Pocketbooks, Puff Boxes, Rings, Shoe Hooks, Thimbles, Memo. Books, Opera Glasses, Pin Trays, Purses, Ring Trees, Scissors, Shoe Horns, Umbrellas.

Call and examine our display. No trouble to show goods.

H. A. HEATH & CO.,
Jewelers and Opticians, 162 Thames St

NOTICE!
WANTED,
Your orders for electric light and bell work by January 1, 1900.
A. E. BURLAND,
Opera House Block.
Telephone 204-3.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.
Public Hearing.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
PROVIDENCE, December 16, 1899.
The Committee on Special Legislation of the House of Representatives will hear all persons interested in the bill entitled
"AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE VII OF AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE,"
in the Library of the State House, Providence, on Wednesday, December 20th, 1899, at 1 o'clock P. M.
CHARLES DEAN KIMBALL, Chairman.
FREDERICK A. JONES, Clerk.
48 Weybosset Street.

For Rent Unfurnished Or For Sale.

The premises 40 Everett street; a substantial, well built house. Will sell at a moderate price or will lease. Apply to
R. C. DERBY,
138 BELLEVUE AVENUE

1591---CHRISTMAS.---1675
THE JOURNAL OF WILLIAM JEFFERAY, GENTLEMAN,
(A diary that might have been).
Secure a copy from limited edition and read by the Christmas fire. Price $5 (postpaid). Remit to J. O. AUSTIN, P. O. Box 81, Providence.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19, 8 A. M.—For New England—Showers this afternoon and tonight; colder tonight; Wednesday fair and colder; fresh to brisk winds, shifting to northwesterly.

BOSTON AND VICINITY.

BOSTON, Dec. 19, 8 A. M.—For Boston and vicinity—Threatening, probably with rain tonight; fair and colder Wednesday; westerly winds.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Unsettled conditions which covered the country immediately west of the Mississippi river yesterday morning have moved to the lower St. Lawrence valley, and continue of moderate energy. General rains have fallen during the past 24 hours in the western Gulf states, Mississippi valley, Ohio valley, lake region and St. Lawrence valley. Today the weather of the country is fair and generally clear, except considerable cloudiness over the Gulf states and eastern districts, with light rains in the lower lake region and St. Lawrence valley. At 8 a. m. the barometers were above normal, except the slight depression passing off over the lower St. Lawrence. The centre of high pressure which was on the Atlantic coast has disappeared; that covering the central Rocky Mountain region has remained stationary, with highest readings this morning of 30.84 inches at Denver.

J. W. SMITH,
Local Forecast Official.

Dec. 19.	8 h	12 h	14 h
Temperature.	52	55	56
Barometer.	30.17	30.05	29.95
Wind.	SW	SW	SW
Weather.	Cloudy	Fair	Fair

MINIATURE CALENDAR.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19.
Sun rises .... 7 h 10 m
Sun sets .... 16 h 14 m
Moon rises .... 19 h 01 m
Length of day .... 9 h 04 m
Day's decrease .... 6 h 13 m
High water .... 8 h 55 m; 21 h 28 m

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20.
Sun rises .... 7 h 10 m
Sun sets .... 16 h 14 m
Moon rises .... 20 h 02 m
Length of day .... 9 h 04 m
Day's decrease .... 6 h 13 m
High water .... 9 h 39 m; 22 h 15 m

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21.
Sun rises .... 7 h 11 m
Sun sets .... 16 h 15 m
Moon rises .... 21 h 02 m
Length of day .... 9 h 04 m
Day's increase .... 0 h 00 m
High water .... 10 h 22 m; 23 h 03 m

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22.
Sun rises .... 7 h 11 m
Sun sets .... 16 h 15 m
Moon rises .... 22 h 01 m
Length of day .... 9 h 04 m
Day's increase .... 0 h 00 m
High water .... 11 h 05 m; 23 h 48 m

Moon's Phases.
Last Quarter, December 24, 22 h 57 m, E.
New Moon, January 1, 8 h 52 m, E.
New Moon, January 1, 8 h 52 m, E.
Full Moon, January 15, 14 h 08 m, E.

NEW TODAY.

Hass—Notice; 2d page.
A Valuable Dog; 7th page.
Lost—Two Fox Terriers; 7th page.
Boston Grocery—Notice; 7th page.
Kennedy's Favorite Remedy; 3d page.
Barney—A Christmas Present; 2d page.
Island Savings Bank—Dividend; 4th page.
Downing Bros.—Toilet Requisites; 6th page.
Wanted—Laundress and Chambermaid; 7th page.
The Geo. A. Weaver Co.—Evergreens, etc.; 7th p.
Journal of William Jefferay, Gentleman; 4th p.

Changes of advertisements should be sent in the night before or early on the day of issue to insure insertion.

FOR SALE.

On Honyman Hill, a property containing a large Swiss villa, stable, greenhouses, bowling alleys and 22 acres of land.
Also another property containing a Queen Anne cottage, with stable, etc., and about 12 acres of land. Both are on the hill at an elevation of 120 feet and command a fine view of the ocean at the south and Narragansett Bay on the north as well as the pretty valley running north and south just west of these properties. They can now be had at tempting prices and are also for rent.
HERBERT L. DYER,
1 TRAVERS BLOCK, CORNER BELLEVUE AVENUE AND BATH ROAD.

Steam and Hot Water Heating,
Electric Bells, Burglar Alarms
Gas and Electric Lighting.
Philip F. Conroy,
TELEPHONE 272. 181 THAMES ST.

The Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co.
HENRY BULL, JR.,
Fire Insurance,
107 Thames Street.

For Sale. $6,500.
Dwelling and estate situated corner of Mary and Clarke streets, owned by estate of Anna Pell.
A desirable residence within easy reach of business portion of city.
PARTICULARS OF
HENRY BULL, JR.,
Real Estate, 107 Thames Street.

Skates! Skates!
We have them in all styles. A pair of SKATES would please any boy or girl as a Christmas gift.
See our south window for useful and appropriate Christmas goods.
J. M. K. SOUTHWICK,
185 THAMES STREET.
Headquarters for sporting goods and hunters' supplies.

Island Savings Bank.
A Semi-Annual Dividend, at the rate of four per cent per annum, will be paid on all deposits entitled thereto, on and after January 15, 1900.
GEORGE H. PROUD, Treasurer.
Newport, R. I., Dec. 18, 1899.

A. W. LUTHER,
Jamestown Real Estate Agency.
Office at Jamestown on Ferry Wharf.
25 years' experience in Jamestown Real Estate.
SOLE AGENT FOR MANY OF THE FINEST BUILDING SITES IN JAMESTOWN.

EDWIN T. BANNING
Architect,
209 Thames Street.
ROOM 36.

A. O'D. TAYLOR.
REAL ESTATE AGENT,
124 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, R. I.
FOR RENT.
1st. Cottage near Broadway, 6 rooms, hot water heating, all modern improvements, $300 a year.
2d. A Furnished Cottage, very centrally situated. Suitable for a naval officer's family. Will rent for winter season for $250.
Telephone No. 320.

MARRIED.

EDIN—OLSON—Saturday, at the home of Rev. C. J. A. Holmgren, Elliot place, Erick Edin and Miss Anna Mathilda Olson.

DIED.

LEE—In this city, 17th inst., Peter J. Lee, aged 71 years.
Funeral services at his late residence, 223 Spring street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.
HOOD—In Fall River, 17th inst., Francis B. Hood, aged 79 years.
BRAYTON—In Fall River, 16th inst., George A. Brayton, aged 52 years.
WILCOX—In Providence, 17th inst., Sarah A. Wilcox, in her 81st year.
HOLT—In Providence, 18th inst., William Holt, in his 2d year.
THOMAS—In Providence, 17th inst., Lydia Thomas, in her 45th year.
ALLISON—In Providence, 17th inst., Leon Allison, in his 80th year.
FEELEY—In Manton, 18th inst., Patrick Feeley, in his 50th year.
REGESTER—In Cranston, 17th inst., Harriet M., wife of Charles W. Regester, in her 59th year.

ROBERT C. COTTRELL, Undertaker and Embalmer, 322 & 324 Thames street. Residence, 104 Mill street. Telephone at office and residence.

JAMES A. DUNPHY, Undertaker and Embalmer, graduate Massachusetts College of Embalming, 613 Thames street. Residence 5 Mount Vernon street. Telephone at office and residence.

"Doing nothing is doing ill." Impure blood neglected will become a serious matter. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla at once and avoid the ill.

BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE.
One on Bliss road, 51 feet front by 120 in depth.
One on Bradford avenue, 50 by 100 feet.
Four on Gardiner street, good frontage and excellent situations.
Six on Gibbs avenue, 40 by 50 feet frontage and from 100 to 120 in depth.

INVESTMENT PROPERTY.
Two houses in central location, and good sized corner lot; rental value $350 per annum. Price $2,700. Some good business locations for sale on Broadway and Thames street.
SIMEON HAZARD,
94 Broadway.

H. L. Marsh. Howard B. Peckham.
Hay, Grain, Straw, Salt
H. L. Marsh & Co.,
Office at Elevator, near Pass. Station
Branch Store, 162 Broadway.

INSTRUCTION.

Learn Shorthand
At the NEWPORT BUSINESS COLLEGE. Facilities unsurpassed. Students are making splendid records. Opportunities for shorthand writers were never so good as now. Students received by month or year. Apply for terms.
A. M. STEED,
4 Washington Square.

MISS OPITZ,
Of Dresden and New York, offers her services as
Instructress in Piano and German!
Pupils taught Piano in the German language if desired. Children's classes formed. Address 31 Clarke street. Refers to former patrons in Newport and New York.

Alfred G. Langley, A. M.,
PRIVATE TUTOR.
Piano Instruction and Accompanying.
School Street. Call from 1:30 to 3 P. M.

For Sale,
AT JAMESTOWN.
TWO FARMS,
Each containing 60 acres, on the west shore, 3,000 each.
House lots, containing 5,000 square feet, $150 each. Sewer and water.
APPLY TO
C. T. KNOWLES,
BAY VIEW HOUSE, JAMESTOWN, R. I.

TOWN OF TIVERTON, R. I.

Notice of Application for Transfer of Liquor License.

The following named person having made application for transfer of his liquor license, under the provisions of Chapter 102 of the General Laws of Rhode Island:

JOHN SIMPSON from east side of Bay street to Hebert's Block, west side of Main street.

The Town Council will be in session at the Town Hall, Monday, Jan. 1, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M., when opportunity will be given for remonstrances to be heard before acting upon said application.

A. LINCOLN HAMBLY, Town Clerk.

Christmas Novelties
Fancy Baskets, Chocolates & Bon Bons
A SPECIALTY.
—AT—
A. FENTON'S,
128 BELLEVUE AVENUE
SUCCESSOR TO SIMPSON OF NEW YORK.

PROBABLY AT PRUDENCE.

Naval Board to Recommend a Site for a Coaling Station.

Although not generally known, a board of naval officers has been quietly looking over the environments of Narragansett bay with a view of making a recommendation for a coaling station. The board, which has been at work for a long time, has about completed its labors and will soon make its report to the Navy Department. Three sites were critically inspected, one on Prudence island near the lighthouse, one at Walker's farm, Jamestown, and the third at a point in the West passage to Narragansett bay. It is probable that the site at Prudence will be recommended.

A coaling station in the vicinity of Newport would be of great advantage to the city in many ways. Ships of war would call here for coal rather than be obliged to go to Boston, Portsmouth, N. H., or Fisher's Island. Ships' crews would be hauled for drills and other manoeuvres which usually take place elsewhere, and the benefit to Newport is estimated at more than half a million dollars a year. From a strategical point of view, in case of war the station could not be shelled by the enemy's ships.

Newport is indebted for the appointment of the board to Rear Admiral Royal B. Bradford, chief of the bureau of equipment, and to Senator Wetmore and Congressman Bull, who have done good service in Newport's interest in this important matter.

It was desired by the department that Commander Newton E. Mason, commanding officer at the Torpedo Station, should serve as a member of the board, but he asked to be excused as he was unfamiliar with the topography of the bay. The board selected consisted of Captain H. C. Taylor, Captain C. H. Stockton and Lieutenant Commander Herbert Winslow.

ARMORY INSPECTIONS OF MILITIA.

In accordance with the usual custom of the winter season, a series of armory inspections of the militia companies of the state has been ordered by Governor Dyer through the office of the adjutant general. These will be held by officers to be designated by General Kendall, in command of the brigade.

According to the order, which specifies the militia, General Kendall's officers are authorized to inspect the five chartered independent commands, which are by the terms of their charter independent of the brigade, and usually inspected only by the United States officer on duty as inspecting officer of the Rhode Island militia. For the last year there has been no such officer here, Colonel Abbot, who held the assignment for two years before the Spanish war, not having been re-appointed after his return home with the First Rhode Island, of which he was the head.

The inspections will begin February 1 and be made, so far as possible, on regular drill nights, in order to ensure a large attendance.

THE CITY OF FITCHBURG.

Steamer City of Fitchburg, formerly running between New Bedford and New York, arrived at Boston yesterday from Providence, and will shortly begin a regular service between there and Machias and other Maine ports. She was taken to Boston early last summer with the intention of inaugurating the new service, but failed to pass the examination of the steamboat inspectors and was taken to Providence, where she has been practically rebuilt at a cost of $40,000. She will have an electric lighting plant installed and receive her furnishings at Boston.

JAMESTOWN.

[Regular correspondence of the News.]

Mr. Max Schade's launch, which has been out of commission, has been repaired and is making regular trips today.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Watson and Mrs. A. R. Cory are in Providence today.

Steamer Jamestown is being rapidly broken up. A load of old iron was taken to Newport from her today. Her smokestack is now in use on the H. S. Caswell.

Mrs. Henry Caswell is reported as not being so well today.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT TRINITY.

The following musical programs will be rendered at the Christmas eve and Christmas day services at Trinity Church:

CHRISTMAS EVE, 7:30.

Hymns, 43, 50.
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D. — Barnby
Cantata, "Blessed are they who watch." — Blair
Chorus.
Hymn 136, "Ye servants of the Lord."
Soprano Solo and Chorus.
Hymn 45, "O come, O come, Emmanuel."
Soprano Solo and Chorus.
Hymn 90, "Angels from the realms of glory."
Offertory Anthem, Isaiah XIV:7; XXV:9. — Roberts

CHRISTMAS DAY, 11 A. M.

Introit, "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion." — Barnby
Kyrie in D. — Reid
Hymn 39.
Offertory Anthem, "Sing, O Heavens, and be joyful, O Earth!" — Tours
Sanctus. — Woodward
Benedictus qui venit, } in D.
Agnus Dei. } — Woodward
Gloria in Excelsis in F. — Tours
Post Communion, Nunc Dimittis.

GOEBEL'S CHARGES.

Intimidation by Troops and Use of Tissue Ballots Alleged in Kentucky.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A special from Frankfort, Ky., says it is announced by the Goebel managers that the service of notice enumerating the grounds of contest on which the seats of Governor Taylor and Lieutenant Governor Marshall will be made by Goebel and Beckham have been prepared and may be served on Governor Taylor and Lieutenant Governor Marshall today. The grounds of contest are said to be calleged intimidation by troops, use of tissue ballots, etc.

Chief Engineer Melville's Nomination.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The President today sent the following nomination to the Senate:

Navy—Captain George W. Melville, to be engineer-in-chief and chief of the bureau of steam engineering in the department of the navy, with rank of rear admiral.

Unable to Float the Manhanset.

GREENPORT, Long Island, Dec. 19.—Efforts made during the night and this morning to float steamer Manhanset, which is aground here, were unsuccessful. Her passengers were taken off on a ferry boat from here.

ONLY BY THE OPTIMISTIC.

Rumors Regarding Buller and Methuen Not Given Credence.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Only the most optimistic gave any credit to the rumors that General Buller had crossed the Tugela river, and even they speedily realized that it was incredible that the war office would refrain from the immediate publication of news of such importance.

There is also no confirmation of the statement that General Methuen's line of communication has been cut, though there is a probability of such an event occurring at any moment. The latest news from General Methuen, dated Sunday, December 17, indicated that the situation appeared to be a complete impasse. The Boers were gathering reinforcements and extending their fortifications on both his flanks, but it was believed they would be unable to attack the British position. On the other hand, it was regarded as impossible for the British to turn the Boers' flank, which was resting on the river to the east and rapidly approaching the river to the west. The Boer lines of entrenchment are continuous and capable of rapid connection at many points.

From elsewhere at the front there is absolutely nothing to throw additional light on the situation. The newspapers are full of stories showing the unanimity with which the volunteers and yeomanry are responding to the call to arms. Lord Chesham, commanding officer of the Royal Buckinghamshire yeomanry, is to command the force of 3,000 yeomanry which he has been authorized to organize for service in South Africa. Earl Dudley and other titled officers will accompany him.

Some of the papers express considerable misgivings at troops going from India to South Africa. They think the risks too great, and that it may lead to two continents being ablaze instead of one.

The most ample recognition is given in the press to the great outburst of loyalty in Canada, and the remarks of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the premier, and the cabinet, as representatives of both the English and French sections, are specially welcomed.

SMALL FAILURE IN LONDON.

Conditions Better and No Signs of a Further Panic.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The failure of the London & Northern bank, limited, a comparatively small concern, was announced today. The directors issued a statement attributing the failure to alleged libellous assertions regarding the bank which have appeared in the press. The directors say the assets should fully cover the liabilities.

The failure of the bank and the rise in the German rate of discount and interest, the latter from seven to eight per cent, did not appear to have any serious effect on the stock market here. The general feeling on the street was that conditions were better. This was no little due to the impression, gained from private advices, that an arrangement had been reached in New York over night to support that market and prevent a recurrence of yesterday's panic.

It is hardly thought that the rise in the German discount rate will cause a corresponding increase of the English bank rate.

While news from the seat of war is awaited with nervous apprehension, one of the largest operators expressed to a representative of the Associated Press the belief that the feeling this morning was stronger and that unless very bad news came from the front there were no signs pointing to a further panic.

INTRODUCED AS HIS WIFE.

Testimony Regarding Mrs. Maggie Shipp Roberts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A number of witnesses from Utah appeared today before the committee of the House which is investigating the case of Mr. Roberts of that state.

Mrs. Miles, a physician of Salt Lake City, was the first witness. She gave details of a call she made at the house of Mrs. Dr. Maggie Shipp Roberts April 12, 1897, relative to some medical society affairs.

She addressed Mrs. Shipp-Roberts as "Dr. Shipp," whereupon the witness said she was interrupted with the request: "Doctor, you can call me Dr. Roberts." Mrs. Roberts went on to explain, the witness said, that she had been married to Mr. Roberts for seven years.

Subsequently the witness called at the house and after a visit Mr. Roberts came in and was introduced. She could not recall whether there was a specific introduction as husband or whether his entry was with such familiarity as to indicate a marital status.

When Mr. Roberts cross-examined the witness she repeated the same story.

"Was the introduction as husband?" he asked.

The witness could not remember.

Mr. Roberts submitted an objection to the effect that this testimony related to 1897, whereas the committee had no jurisdiction over him prior to his becoming a member of Congress.

"Then you contend," said Chairman Taylor, "that the testimony should be confined to polygamous practices subsequent to March 4, 1897."

"I do," answered Mr. Roberts.

"The objection will be noted," responded the chairman.

Rev. S. E. Wishard was the next witness. He said he knew both Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Dr. Roberts, and said his first meeting with the latter was in September, 1897. This occurred, he said, on the train at Manti, Utah. He was in the car with Roberts and spoke to him. A lady sat beside him, and he beckoned to her and then introduced her, saying: "Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Wishard." Whether Roberts said "My wife" in making the introduction, or simply said "Mrs. Roberts," the witness was not sure, but he was positive the introduction was as wife.

Subsequently, Mr. Wishard said, he called on Mrs. Roberts at her home, to make sure he had made no mistake. The sign in the front of the house read: "Dr. Margaret C. Roberts." In the parlor he saw on the wall a large portrait of Roberts and on a table a small picture of him. He saw Mrs. Roberts, recalled to her the introduction on the train, and she remembered it.

On cross-examination, Mr. Roberts brought out Mr. Wishard's opposition to Mormonism and then asked: "Was Roberts drunk when he made this introduction referred to?"

"Not that I know of."

"Was he insane?"

"I do not know."

"What possible reason then," asked Mr. Roberts, "could Roberts have had for putting himself in such a position with one who opposed him?"

The witness said he could not explain reasons. He repeated that the facts were as stated.

Mr. Wishard said that in conversation with Mrs. Dr. Roberts he had asked her if the young lady in Washington with Roberts was her daughter, and she answered in the negative.

CARPET SWEEPERS TO GIVE AWAY.

There Were Too Many Little Girls, and Many Must Wait Till Saturday.

The vicinity of the A. C. Titus Company's store on Thames street was this noon the scene of a large gathering of little girls between the ages of four and six, who had come in answer to an advertisement which appeared a few days ago in the Daily News, announcing that carpet sweepers would be given to all who applied, with a voucher of their ages, between the hours of 12 and 1 today. Quite a while before the first-named hour there was a large crowd of little ones in front of the store, and when the distribution was commenced there were so many that Officer Wilcox had to be put in charge to keep the sidewalk free for pedestrians and the doorway clear for the children. The latter were admitted by the front door, and after receiving one of the Bissell Little Daisy sweepers left by the side door on the wharf.

So great was the demand for the sweepers that within a little over half an hour the supply was exhausted, 600 in all having been given away. There was still quite a demand and those who came too late to get a sweeper today left their names and were told by Mr. Titus to come again next Saturday, when the 2 another supply on hand for distribution. There were many disappointed ones in the crowd that besieged the door, but they consisted of girls who were obliged to confess that they were over six years old, and a few boys, the greater number of the latter saying they wanted the sweepers for their sisters who were sick at home. They did not secure sweepers, and the sisters will have a chance to get well and come next Saturday in their own behalf. The crowd attracted much attention.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Mrs. Paul A. Andrews has returned from New York.

—Mrs. David King and Miss King left Newport this afternoon for New York.

—R. W. Green of Boston and J. S. Barry of Providence are registered at the Perry House.

—Rev. J. H. MacDonald of Fall River and Chaplain J. H. Nutting of the state institutions are in town.

—One of Frohman's companies will present "The Cuckoo" Christmas afternoon and evening at the Opera House.

—Long wharf has a slimy coating of mud that is anything but pleasant for wagons. It was cleaned only a few days ago.

—It is reported in New York that Mr. C. L. F. Robinson has sold his cutter yacht Queen Mab to Mr. Clifford V. Brokaw.

—Owing to the rough sea outside, the Block Island boat did not leave on time today. She will probably start later if the sea moderates.

—Captain Charles G. Treat, adjutant of the Seventh United States artillery, stationed at Fort Adams, has been ordered to Washington for temporary duty.

—The registration up to the close of yesterday reached a total of 461, and the indications now are for a good-sized registry list. Last year only 181 had registered December 22.

—Commander Albert Ross, recently detached from the command of training ship Alliance, has been ordered to duty as assistant inspector in charge of the Fifteenth lighthouse district at St. Louis.

—Major Edith Marshall of New York is to speak this evening on the rescue work of the Salvation Army in the Thames Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Captain Hattie Core will be present with her guitar and sing several solos.

—The order of Lieutenant Commander C. K. Curtis to training ship Monongahela has been revoked and Lieutenant Commander H. Osterhaus is detached from the Naval Academy and the command of the Gloucester and ordered to the Monongahela as executive officer.

—At the monthly literary meeting of the Epworth League of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, this evening, the subject considered in the Italian Renaissance series will be "Savonarola," and there will also be a paper on "Westminster Abbey" in the miscellaneous series, and music.

—Lieutenant Commander C. McR. Winslow, who was flag lieutenant on the staff of Rear Admiral Sampson when the latter was in command of the North Atlantic squadron, has been ordered to duty at the New York navy yard. Lieutenant Commander Winslow married Miss Dora Havemeyer at her mother's cottage here last summer.

—Lighter J. K. Sullivan, with a load of stone for the new city hall, has arrived and there will be no occasion for further delay on the stone work. The iron truss work is in place and the rafters are being put in position on the north end. Contractor Curry hopes to have the roof covered in within a week, if the weather favors.

—Mr. William K. Vanderbilt arrived in New York yesterday in his private car, from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been spending 10 days. He will leave the city again Friday for Biltmore, N. C., where he goes to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Vanderbilt. The Sloane family will not go down to Biltmore to spend Christmas.

—The annual meeting of the New York Yacht Club, which will be held in New York on the second Thursday in February, will be an interesting occasion. The report of the regatta committee will cover the late international match for the America's Cup, and the building committee will advise the members regarding the progress of the new clubhouse, and as to the date of its completion and proposed occupancy. Then there will be the election of officers, and the date of the regatta next season will be named.

—Freight steamer City of Taunton arrived this afternoon with the Plymouth's freight and baggage and her crew. The men will at once go on board the Priscilla, which will then leave for Fall River and take her place on the line this evening. The men had only just begun work on the Priscilla, and all work necessary to put her in condition for running could have been done so that the boat could leave here after 4 o'clock had the Plymouth's crew been able to arrive at that hour. The Plymouth was to have gone in the dry dock today to have her injured bottom examined. The Newport passengers on the Plymouth will probably also arrive at 4.

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BURNED TO DEATH.

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bodies of Barrett, his wife and the girl Julia, on the floor alongside the window out of which the other little girl had escaped with her life. She escaped only to die later, as the hospital surgeons said the child could not live.

Mary Seary was found at one of the upper floor windows crouching in a corner, too suffocated by smoke and too much burned to be able to help herself. It happened to be one of the very few windows from which flames were not coming and her life was saved, but she was badly burned about the body and arms and her face had not escaped a tongue of flame which badly disfigured her. Her condition is serious.

Kate Farley was found at a second-story window. A fireman saw her and quickly going to her aid helped her down a ladder to the street. She had been seriously burned, however, and was taken to the hospital.

The fire in the Tenth Avenue tenement which is near Thirty-eighth street, started in the basement in an unknown manner. When it was discovered by a policeman who turned in the alarm the fire had such headway that it was impossible to enter the building, and the flames had already attacked several floors of the house when the firemen arrived. The families in the upper part of the house fled to the roof, whence they easily reached the street. The firemen on going through the house after the flames had been controlled found two bodies on the third floor, both lying at the foot of the stairs. The positions showed that the woman had been trying to make a rush with her child up the stairs, but had fallen. The body of her son was close by her side; both were burned. The Foxs lived on the second floor and the woman and her child had succeeded in getting up one flight before they were overcome, probably by smoke. The damage to this building was small.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED.

Mr. Aldrich Will Call Up the Senate Substitute January 4.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. Hon. William V. Allen, the recently appointed Senator from Nebraska, was present when the Senate convened today, and at the conclusion of the reading of the journal Mr. Thurston, his colleague, presented him at the secretary's desk, where the oath of office was administered. Mr. Allen was cordially greeted by his old colleagues.

The financial bill passed by the House yesterday was received from the House, and upon the suggestion of Mr. Aldrich (R. I.), chairman of the finance committee, was referred to that committee.

Mr. Stewart (Nev.) offered a joint resolution granting the Commercial Cable Company the right to lay a cable to Cuba.

The committee on finance authorized Senator Aldrich to report the Senate financial bill as a substitute for the House bill, after the House bill is received from that body, the report to be made before the adjournment for the holidays. Senator Aldrich notified the committee of his purpose to call up the bill in the Senate January 4.

OBJECTION RAISED.

Roberts Committee Not to Extend Its Investigations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—When the House met today Mr. Taylor (Ohio), chairman of the special committee to investigate the case of Representative-elect Roberts, offered a resolution for the payment of the expenses incurred by the committee and hereafter to be incurred out of the contingent fund of the House.

Mr. Lentz (Ohio) asked unanimous consent that the committee investigating the Roberts case be also instructed to investigate the cases of the two Utah postmasters alleged to be guilty of polygamy.

Mr. Sherman of New York objected and the Taylor resolution was adopted.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to participate in preparing arrangements for the unveiling of the statue of Daniel Webster, January 18, 1900: Messrs. Lovering, Massachusetts; Cousens, Iowa; Clarke, New Hampshire; Cummings, New York; Gaines, Tennessee.

Mr. Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee, then presented the resolution for the distribution of the President's message to the various committees having jurisdiction. It was in the usual form. Mr. Payne stated that Mr. Grow, the venerable ex-Speaker of the House, desired to address the House for 40 minutes upon the resolution, and it was arranged that the Democrats should have an equal amount of time if they desired it.

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Noah's Arks, 10c., 25c., 59c., 95c.
Furnished Stables, 25c., 59c., 95c.
Furnished Grocery Stores, 95c. up.
Soldier Suits, 59c. up.
Wash Sets, 25c., 49c., 95c.
Out up Puzzles, 25c., 59c.

Chair Rockers, two horses, 95c. $1.43 up.
Dolls' Cabs, 25c., 34c., 43c., 59c. to $10.
Dolls' Go Carts, 34c., 59c., 95c. up.
Girls' Sleighs, 25c., 49c., 59c. up.
Boys' Clipmers, 39c., 49c. up.
Boys' Velocipedes from $2.23 up.
Girls' Tricycles from $4.50 up.
Rocking Horses, 95c., $1.43 up.
Dolls' Cradles, 39c., 49c., 59c.
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A regular meeting of the society will be held at the Museum, Touro street, Wednesday evening, December 20, at 8 o'clock. Miss Stimson-Lewis will read a paper upon "SOME INHABITANTS OF OUR PONDS AND DITCHES," and Mr. A. O'D. Taylor will read a paper upon "THE SHELLS AROUND NEWPORT." The public is cordially invited to attend.

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BOSTON & ALBANY LEASE.

Fitchburg Interests Preparing to Oppose Its Consummation.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The Boston Advertiser today says that in addition to the opposition from many Democrats in the legislature to the proposed lease of the Boston & Albany railroad to the New York Central company, a new factor is looming up in the opposition of the interests representing the Fitchburg railroad, which, it is said, are evidently not satisfied with the outlook. "The state directors of the Fitchburg road," the Advertiser says, "are plainly making ready to fight the lease on general grounds, as affecting the policies and conditions of Massachusetts, and on special arguments as affecting the investments and the welfare of a Massachusetts railroad. The state directors of the Fitchburg railroad are J. R. Lowell of Newton and James Renfrew and C. P. Plunkett of Adams. These gentlemen are interested as representing the state's investments in the Hoosac Tunnel, and also as being directors in a road of which about 80 per cent of the securities are owned in New England."

The Advertiser says that these directors will oppose the lease of the Albany, as there is a feeling in the western part of the state that more traffic than ever would be diverted to the Albany road, the Fitchburg in the past having suffered through the traffic arrangements between the Albany and the New York Central.

BROUGHT SICK AND DISCHARGED.

Several Deaths on Transport Rio de Janeiro on the Homeward Voyage.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Transport City of Rio de Janeiro has arrived from Manila with several officers on leave and a number of sick and discharged soldiers. Patrick Fleary, Thirty-fifth infantry, died on the outward voyage, and the following soldiers, invalided home, died on the way from Manila: Fred A. Walker, Company D, Ninth infantry; Hamilton P. Markland, discharged sergeant, Battery D, Sixth artillery; John Bender, sergeant, Company B, Ninth infantry, and James C. Gardner, corporal, Company B, Third infantry.

Eight insane men were brought home. They are W. A. O'Neill, P. K. Mulnet, G. W. Decker, D. E. Young, G. M. Barton, Joseph Hoffman, L. Ford and F. Thayer.

The sick number 78 non-commissioned officers, most of whom are suffering from dysentery, though some were wounded in battle. They will be transferred to the military hospital at the Presidio after the transport, which was placed in quarantine today, has been docked.

The following officers arrived from the Philippines on transport Rio De Janeiro and probably will be landed today, as there is no infectious disease on the vessel and its detention in quarantine will be brief: Major Noble, Twenty-fourth infantry, on sick leave; Captain French, Sixteenth infantry; Captain A. A. Auger, Twenty-fourth infantry, and Captain Rodgers, Twentieth infantry, on recruiting duty; Captain Poindexter, medical department, sick leave; Captain Dunning, Sixteenth infantry, recruiting duty; Lieutenant P. Shaffer, Thirteenth infantry, sick leave; Lieutenant W. A. Lejaber, Twenty-third, recruiting, and Lieutenants Tims, Heffleinger and Pray, acting assistant surgeons. The transport is to be turned over to its owners, the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

SLAV AGAINST SAXON.

War May be Possibly of Ideas, Possibly of Bayonets and Bullets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18. War between Slav and Saxon, "possibly of ideas, possibly of bayonets and bullets," was predicted for the near future by Gov. Albert E. Dunning of Boston, editor of the Congregationalist in a speech before the Chicago Congregational Club at the Palmer House last night. The club observed "Forefather's day" with a banquet and addresses. Almost 500 members were present, among them many women. Dr. Dunning in his address said: "My subject is 'The Puritan's Opportunity,' and I believe the opportunity to be to spread the love of man, right, manliness and liberty over the world. The conflict between Christianity and heathenism has been fought and won. The war in the future is to be between the different forms of Christianity, Latin, Slavonic and Saxon. We have but little hope or fear from the Latin. The issue is to be fought out between the Slav and the Saxon.

"Only a little way in the future must be heard the noise of the conflict between these two. It may be a battle of ideas and it may be a battle of bayonets and bullets. It is sure to come. The Slav is expansive and moving against us. The American Puritan is face to face with him on the east, and the English Puritan is face to face with him on the south and west. The question of the meeting of these two is the most interesting question in the world. The final struggle cannot long be delayed."

Death of the Earl of Tankerville.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Earl of Tankerville (Charles Bennet) is dead. He was born January 19, 1824.

The Earl of Tankerville was honorary colonel of the First battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers since 1874. He was captain of the corps of Gentlemen at Arms 1866-67, and steward of the queen's household 1867-68, and was member of Parliament for North Northumberland 1852-59.

PHILOSOPHY OF HOLIDAY SHOPPING.

It may be noted as a cheerful sign of the times that the annual period of Christmas shopping, which began early this year, is unusually busy. No doubt it will be accompanied by the usual plaintive protests in certain quarters against a practice which, it is alleged, reduces giving to a moral obligation and inveigles about and inconvenience. It is not to be expected that one who has taken part in the desperate activities of shopping should not get tired and out of temper. The buyer who can afford to spend liberally is here not so much better off than the buyer who can't could. The penalties. His troubles are in direct ratio to the number of persons whom he must remember. The shopper, rich or poor, has no option but to plunge into the crowd and do battle with what physical or mental powers he possesses.

The holiday lovers who complain at the edict of custom and bemoan their labor and fatigue are forgetting a very important point. Christmas in large cities has been sufficiently commercialized as it is. Most Christmas gifts in a modern city are gifts that have been bought outright, the giver having usually neither the time, patience, skill nor inventive to devise a gift of his own making. It might be a comfortable arrangement if he could write a check for all his expenditures and have the right kind of presents for the right persons brought in by a professional agent. But even an age which is liberated from the bonds of sentiment recognizes that the Christmas bought in this impersonal fashion would be quite as inappropriate as though the donor had merely sent a check, leaving the recipient to buy what he liked. There must be a personal element somewhere in the selection of the gift. The Christmas shopping fury then, has this redeeming feature—that it makes the gift something more than the result of a dry transaction in trade. It represents some degree of effort, a struggle with the holiday crowds, a careful consideration of individual tastes and a long chase through the labyrinthine mazes of the stores.

On the whole, it is very likely that the shopping custom, if it has some objectionable features, is yet worth retaining as the one means of injecting a little of the element of self-sacrifice and personal labor into the act of giving. A gift is not yet merely a money matter. The person who rails at the custom should remember next Christmas morning that those who "remembered" him thought enough of him to put themselves out a little in trying to suit his tastes.—[Chicago Record.

ANOTHER "HOT OLD TIME."

The second appearance this season of the farce comedy, "A Hot Old Time," attracted a large audience to the Opera House last evening, and it was as thoroughly enjoyed as when first seen here. The work in the farce and in the specialties by Conway, Wesson, Burnett, Evans, Morrell and Walters and the Fanchonetti sisters was especially good. The cake walk introduced at the end of the second act was pleasing and the songs by Messrs. Gracey and Wesson, and the dances and eccentric postoring and tumbling by the Fanchonetti sisters were well deserving of the applause they received.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt of New York are in town.

Colonel W. P. Randolph, U. S. A., and family are guests of Mrs. Samuel Powel.

Mr. Paul A. Andrews, Mrs. W. F. Burden and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sedgwick went to New York today.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carter and their granddaughter, Miss Edwina Carter Jackson, will spend the holidays in Baltimore and Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Berryman and Mr. and Mrs. Lorillard Spencer sailed on the St. Paul from Cherbourg Saturday. Mrs. Berryman and Mrs. Spencer are sisters.

Torpedo boat Porter arrived at the Torpedo Station yesterday afternoon, from New York, having made the run from the Brooklyn navy yard in seven hours. Lieutenant Irvin V. Gillis is in command.

Congressman Melville Bull has been promoted to the chairmanship of the House committee on accounts. He is still a member of the committee on naval affairs. Congressman Capron is a member of the committees on banking and currency and on military affairs.

Block Island is sending a lot of potatoes to the local market, and so is the Narragansett country. Captain Tom Shea recently brought from the Pier for Mr. E. A. Brown 125 bushels of potatoes, making the round trip in three hours and five minutes. This included loading the potatoes.

W. C. Bailey, one of the oldest employes of the freight line, has resigned his position as first pilot of steamer City of Taunton. His place has been filled by Second Pilot Nathan Whiting. Quartermaster John Healey, formerly captain of the Mount Hope, has been advanced to second pilot.

The First Baptist Church of Pawtucket has unanimously extended a call to Rev. Frank Rector of Fitchburg, Mass., to its vacant pastorate, and the church society is expected to concur in the call at a meeting to be held this evening. Rev. Mr. Rector was formerly pastor of the Second Baptist Church of this city.

Yesterday a draft of 20 apprentice boys, in charge of a petty officer, was sent to Boston to join training ship Alliance and fill out her complement. The Alliance is expected here in February. Training ship Monongahela is expected to leave New York tomorrow and should be here this week. She will receive a draft of 200 boys and start on a southern cruise.

In view of the number of flag officers available for sea duty, there is reason to believe that a South Pacific station will be established as soon as conditions in the Philippines admit of the withdrawal of some of the ships now under Rear Admiral Watson's command. The appearance of a fleet on the western coast of South America has been thereofte appreciated in naval circles, but because of the limited number of ships and flag officers it has not been possible to maintain a station there, and for this reason the Pacific was placed under the command of one officer. The extension of American sovereignty over some of the Samoan Islands and the prospective establishment of a coaling station in the Galapagos group are indications of the importance of the South Pacific in the eyes of official.

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AFTER ANDREWS AGAIN.

His Resignation Demanded Because of His Advocacy of England.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Public advocacy of Great Britain's side in the South African war by Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of the public schools in Chicago, was the cause of resolutions being introduced in the city council last night, calling for his resignation or his immediate suspension and removal from his position by the board of education should he ignore an invitation to step down. The head of the public schools was subjected to a heated denunciation by Alderman Culleton, the mover of the resolutions. The resolutions were referred to the committee on schools.

First Colored Man Elected to the Illinois Legislature Dead.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—J. W. E. Thomas, one of the best known colored lawyers in this city and the first colored man to be elected to the legislature of Illinois, died last night in this city, aged 72 years. In 1877 he was elected a member of the legislature, where he served three terms. He was admitted to the bar in 1850.

Mexico Subscribes $7,500 for British Widows and Orphans.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 19.—The subscription started in the British colony here in behalf of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in the war with the Transvaal has already reached the sum of $7,500.

This Season's Sugar Crop in Hawaii.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Reports received for this season's sugar crop in the Hawaiian islands give the total product as 282,807 tons, which is one of the largest in years.

Denver Aldermen Favor the Boers.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 19.—By a vote of 9 to 5, the board of aldermen of Denver adopted a joint resolution expressing sympathy for the Transvaal republic in its war with Great Britain and hope for the success of the Boer arms. The resolution was introduced by Alderman Kelly, and was supported by every Democrat but one in the board.

Guatemala Approves the Parcel Post Convention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Postoffice Department was notified today that the president of Guatemala had December 14 approved the United States and Guatemala parcel post convention. It is effective January 1.

MARRIED WOMEN AS CLERKS.

First Assistant Postmaster General Heath, in reply to inquiries concerning various interpretations made of his recent ruling respecting the status of married women as postoffice clerks, makes the following statement:

"I notice that some newspapers have made an effort to interpret my ruling to mean that all married women must leave the postal service; that wherever a married woman is now an employe in a postoffice she must immediately resign. No such meaning was ever intended. The cases upon which I made ruling were of two clerks in one postoffice who married. The woman insisted upon remaining upon the pay roll, the same as before marriage. I held that under the circumstances the presence of husband and wife as clerks in the same office was, in the first place, inimical to the service, and in the second place, that the woman should vacate and permit her husband to support her, thus allowing her position to go to some one who had no means of support. I intend, however, to apply this ruling to female clerks in postoffices who in the future marry. When a woman gets married she certainly must have some visible means of support in the person of her husband. There are 10,000 competent and deserving unmarried women in this country who will be glad to take each position vacated by the woman who marries and who will have a husband upon whom she should depend for support. Women who are already married and are enjoying positions as postoffice clerks and whose employment under their married names has been approved by the department, will not be disturbed by this ruling."

As some people have got an idea that Sir Thomas Lipton might have the Shamrock improved and challenge with her again, it may be as well to quote the deed of gift, which says: "No vessel which has been defeated in a match for the cup can again be selected by any club as its representative until a contest for it by some other vessel has intervened, or until after the expiration of two years from the time of such defeat."—New York Tribune.

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Providence, arrive,	11:30	3:18	5:50	9:50
Boston, arr.,	1:18	4:30	7:00	11:00
New York, arr.,	4:39	6:57	11:00	B
	P M	P M	P M	P M
LEAVE	A M	A M	A M	P M
New York,	c*12 02	*5 00	*10 02	*1 02
Boston,		10 03	1 05	5 00
Providence,		11 14	2 19	6 15
Newport, arr.,	6 35	1 00	4 00	8 00
	A M	P M	P M	P M

*Daily, except Sundays.

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Fine Collection at the New York Museum of Natural History.

New York has now the finest collection of objects illustrating the ancient civilization of Mexico and Central America in the world. A private view was given recently of the Mexican Hall of the Museum of Natural History, and those who were invited were more than astonished at the results of work that has been going on, unknown to the general public, for several years. Immense expense and energy were necessary to provide the reproductions of famous Aztec, Maya, and other monuments which may now be seen in the museum. Innumerable difficulties confronted those who took the casts—explorations in localities that have been almost untrodden by men since the days of Cortes; the search for and digging out of immense stone objects from centuries' growths of underbrush or the ruins of temples, and the transportation of the casts to port or railroad.

The public is indebted to several wealthy Americans for the opportunity now first offered of examining a complete series of reproductions of Aztec work. Dr. and Mrs. Le Plongeon supplied many of the objects in the museum, obtaining the casts as the result of years of arduous labor in Yucatan. The Duc de Loubat, one of the highest living authorities on the civilization of the Aztecs and Mayas, sent Dr. Seler on a special expedition to Mexico, and the results of this expedition are now on exhibition in the gallery, together with a number of original objects presented by the Duc. Still another expedition was sent out by the authorities of the American Museum of Natural History, while miscellaneous objects have been presented by William C. Whitney, Morris K. Jesup and others.

One of the casts is too large to be placed in the gallery. It is the reproduction of the largest of the monoliths which stand amid the ruins of Quirigua, Guatemala. It stands 25 feet above the ground, and has been placed in the hall beneath the Mexican Hall. On entering the latter the most conspicuous object is the so-called "Great Turtle of Quirigua," an enormous mass of what seems like stone covered with hieroglyphs. To the right is a reproduction of the smallest of the Quirigua monoliths.

One of the most striking exhibits is a fac-simile of the great "Calendar Stone," considered to be the most remarkable of Mexican sculptures. It is circular in shape, and covered with elaborate hieroglyphs, the centre consisting of a lion's head. On the right is a restoration of the sanctuary of the "Temple of the Cross," showing the position of the bas-relief known as the "Tablet of the Cross." An illustrated label at the side explains what has been discovered at present about this mysterious and wonderful temple at Palenque.

Only one of the reproductions of stone objects has been colored, although the originals sometimes show faint traces of pigments having originally been applied to them. The statue of Chac-Mool, found by Dr. and Mrs. Le Plongeon at Chichen Itza, was colored, and the reproduction in the museum was painted by Mrs. Le Plongeon in exact fac-simile of it.

In the centre of the hall are cases containing reproductions of manuscripts of the ancient Mexicans and Mayas. The fact that any codices of these ancient civilizations have been preserved, when so much that was more durable has been destroyed, is one of the romances of archaeology. It appears that the Spaniards were struck with the fineness of the illuminations of some of the manuscripts, and carried them back to Europe. They were so widely scattered that they were of little use for purposes of study until they were reproduced in fac-simile. The Duc de Loubat had several volumes containing chromo-lithographed reproductions prepared at his own expense, and copies of these publications are to be found in the gallery, together with other reproductions, specially made for the museum. One of the finest of the manuscripts is the pre-Columbian codex at Rome, known as "Codex Vaticanus, No. 3,773," which was reproduced for the Duc de Loubat. It is a ritualistic treatise which was used by priests. Other manuscripts are on astrology, magic, and arithmetic.

In a case at the end of the hall is a collection, obtained by the Lumholtz expedition, of pottery from the ruins of Casas Grandes, illustrating a culture approaching that of the ancient Pueblo people of Arizona and New Mexico. In another case are the Tarascan terra cotta figures and stone sculptures acquired by the same expedition. In yet other cases are various collections, including jade ornaments, copper implements, and pottery, all illustrating the culture of several of the ancient Mexican peoples.

The new gallery is the first portion of the west wing of the museum to be thrown open to the public. The facade is now completed, but the remainder of the interior is still in an unfinished condition, and it is not yet decided when it will be filled with collections and opened.—[New York Times.

PORTSMOUTH.

[Regular correspondence of the News.]

Miss Fannie I. Sherman will arrive today to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin C. Sherman.

The Queen City will begin her regular trips today.

Mr. Peter D. Boyd has been engaged by the Odd Fellows to act as day nurse for Mr. Rufus T. Fuller.

Mr. T. D. C. Wood of Fall River and Mr. Frank A. Sisson of Fall River were in town Monday.

Mrs. Lottie Cameron reports a very rough passage in crossing the Atlantic, added to which a strike of the stokers caused the ship to make slow progress covering only 150 miles in the time she should have made 350.

Mr. Edward P. Brown of Glen street, who has been very sick, is somewhat improved.

A pound party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Manchester Saturday evening. Mr. Manchester has been seriously ill for a long time.

Mrs. Edwin J. Lord, who had recovered from a severe attack of pleurisy, has again been taken seriously ill.

The three hundred and ninetieth thousand of "David Harum" is announced by D. Appleton & Company as an opening feature of the holiday season, and the announcement will doubtless attract additional attention to the famous "Christmas story" wherein David and the Widow Cullom played so touching a part. "David Harum" may not be a holiday book strictly speaking, but the scene on Christmas day, which the author depicts so vividly, should give the book a high place among holiday possibilities.

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ADDITION TO CABINET.

New Department of Government Suggested.

Proposed Portfolio of Commerce and Industries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—There is more favorable talk about the creation of a new department of the government with another cabinet officer than I have heard at any former session of congress. Senator Frye of Maine is the author of a bill which meets with a great deal of favor and which proposes to have the department of commerce and industries established. Under this department it is proposed to place a number of bureaus now out of place in the present departments or which are independent of all departments. The different bureaus to be made a part of this new department and taken from the treasury department are the life saving service, the marine hospital service, the bureau of steamboat inspection, the bureau of navigation and the United States shipping commissioners, the bureau of immigration and the United States coast and geodetic survey and the bureau of statistics. The bureau of statistics in the state department is transferred, and the bureau of labor, which is now separate, is also to become a part of the new department, but the two statistical bureaus and the labor bureau are to be consolidated into one bureau.

Should Be Moved.

Nearly all the bureaus which are mentioned really have no place in the departments where they are now located and could really be advantageously placed under one general department, as provided in the bill. There is no reason why the secretary of the treasury should have control of light houses, marine hospital service, steamboat inspection, the navigation bureau or immigration. It is simply that when laws were passed providing for these various bureaus there was no place to put them, and it seemed desirable to have them under the supervision of a cabinet officer, and the secretary of the treasury was chosen. Now, this department has grown so large that it seems feasible to relieve this office of much of the business and at the same time make it the duty of a cabinet officer to make a specialty of commercial and industrial affairs of the country.

Antioption Bill.

The antioption bill, which one time figured prominently enough in congress to pass the senate and excite stockbrokers all over the country, made its appearance this session, as it has regularly every congress, but it does not now reach the dignity of possible legislation. That it ever passed the senate was due to the indomitable will and perseverance of Senator Washburn, who represented Minnesota from 1889 to 1895. No more persistent senator ever occupied a seat on the floor than this, the only member of the famous Washburn family who ever reached the senate. By pressure of this bill alone he gained considerable distinction.

They Will Not Swear.

Two members of the house of representatives will not take the usual oath prescribed for swearing in new members. They are Thomas S. Butler of West Chester and Marriott Brosius of Lancaster, Pa. They are Quakers and make affirmation to support the constitution of the United States. When Mr. Butler first came to congress and the oath was to be administered, he told Speaker Reed that he must make affirmation, as also did Mr. Brosius. "Well, you don't look like a Quaker," said the speaker, "and I guess you had better stand up and take the oath with the others." "Indeed I can't," said Mr. Butler. "I'll return to my home before I'll take an oath. That is one Quaker tenet that I won't surrender." He had his way.

Reaching a Vote.

As long as the senate rules allow unlimited debate the only method of obtaining a vote is by what is known as "unanimous consent." This is an agreement obtained by those in charge of bills from opponents on the other side. It has been demonstrated on more than one occasion that a determined minority can defeat legislation in the senate, but it requires determination of a kind that cannot be overcome. In order to allow this rule of unlimited debate to remain unchanged the minorities of all parties agree with the majority upon a date for final vote, and these agreements are never broken. This is especially true of all matters of party legislation, such as the tariff bills in former congresses and the currency bill in the present session. When it appears beyond all question that a majority favors a bill and is determined to keep it before the senate to the exclusion of all other business, then the minority surrenders, and an agreement is reached. I remember one instance where the minority surrendered without fixing a time for a vote. It was in the Fifty-third congress, after the bill to repeal the law for the purchase of silver had been debated for more than two months. There was a general understanding that the minority had weakened, but ardent silver supporters objected every time any suggestion was made for fixing a definite hour for voting. So it happened that, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning, with a general understanding that a vote would be taken before adjournment, it was 8 o'clock, a continuous session of ten hours, before the end was reached.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 19, Wall Street—The stock market opened irregular, with American Steel & Wire 34, Atchison preferred 58½, Burlington 118, Continental Tobacco 27, Federal Steel 44½, Leather 12, Leather preferred 69, Louisville 76¾, Manhattan 92 @ ⅝, Missouri Pacific 39 @ ½, New York Central 125½ @ 126, Brooklyn Transit 73 @ 74½, Northern Pacific 50¾, People's Gas 91½, Rock Island 101, Sugar 128, St. Paul 117½, Southern preferred 51½, Tennessee Coal & Iron 72, Tobacco 81, and Union Pacific preferred 69½.

10—The first quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today showed a violent speculative conflict. The activity of the market was at a furiously boiling point, and immense buying orders were distributed with a view to the support of prices. The opening showed some very wide gains in consequence, extending from one to five points in a number of important specialties, including Tennessee Coal, Sugar, Leather preferred, Continental Tobacco and Metropolitan Street Railway, and of one to five points in standard railroad stocks, the most conspicuous gains being in New York Central, St. Paul, Kansas Southern, Rock Island and Union Pacific. These advances were met, however, with a flood of selling orders which quickly drove prices downwards. Sugar, St. Paul, Continental Tobacco, Metropolitan and Union Pacific fell back from one to four points. A number of important stocks fell at the opening, including Federal Steel, Tobacco, Pennsylvania and Missouri Pacific, which showed losses from one to two points. Violent irregularity was evident in Brooklyn Transit, which vibrated within a range of about three points below last night's level. Tobacco rallied four points from its opening loss, but yielded again. A reacting tendency became general after the first few minutes of trading.

11—Speculation was very feverish, but there was an undertone of strength manifest throughout the dividend paying railroads. The downward rush after the high opening forced prices down anywhere from two to seven points, Metropolitan Street Railway leading. Good buying then appeared and prices bounded upwards, American Tobacco recovering nine. There were many conspicuously weak points, Industrial specialties lacking support and giving way frequently. In the minor railroad stocks special groups forced steadily downward, notably the Southwesterns and the bituminous coal shares. Hocking Valley preferred sagged 3½. At 11 o'clock the market, while quieter, was very unsettled, but generally speaking the Internationals and Grangers were fairly well held, while the Industrial shares, except for a few of the high-priced leaders, were being hammered energetically.

Noon—Money on call, 25 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5½ @ 6 per cent; sterling exchange, easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.87¼ @ ⅜ for demand and \$4.81 @ ½ for 60 days; posted rates, \$4.82½ and \$4.88½; commercial bills, \$4.80½ @ \$1; silver certificates, 59 @ 61½; bar silver, 59½; Mexican dollars, 47½; government bonds weak. Some of the points of weakness in the second hour were the Coalers, which dropped one to 2½ points, Louisville 1, Norfolk & Western preferred 1¾, a group of the Iron and Steel stocks, including Federal Steel, American Hoop, Smelting and National Steel, one to 2½, Missouri Pacific three and People's Gas 4½. Toward noon it became known that the clearing house banks had agreed to provide an additional \$10,000,000 to lend at the market rate, and the whole stock market surged upward to above the opening level. The rally extended to from one to 6½ points. The changes in bonds were exceedingly irregular, the demand advancing prices sharply at some points while at others weakness was shown.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.

	Noon.
Atchison	18
Atchison preferred	59
Canada Southern	49½
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	118½
C., C., C. & St. Louis	55
Delaware & Hudson	111
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western	170
Erie	11½
Illinois Central	105
Lake Shore	200
Louisville & Nashville	70½
Manhattan	93¼
Metropolitan Traction	155
Missouri Pacific	36¼
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	9½
New Jersey Central	112½
New York Central	121½
Northern Pacific	51½
Northern Pacific preferred	70½
Northwestern	157
Ontario & Western	21
Oregon Navigation	42
Reading	16
Rock Island	104¼
St. Paul	116½
St. Paul preferred	165
Southern Pacific	31½
Texas & Pacific	11
Union Pacific	43½
Union Pacific preferred	69½
Wabash	6½
Wheeling & Lake Erie	9
Adams Express	110
Wells, Fargo Express	129
American Spirits	4
American Tobacco	93
Continental Tobacco	26½
Continental Tobacco preferred	77
General Electric	116¾
Lead	23
Pacific Mail	38½
Pullman Palace	179½
Sugar	127
Tennessee Coal & Iron	71
Leather	12¾
Rubber	38
Western Union	85½

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The stock market opened irregular, but soon showed some improvements. The New York situation apparently had little effect. Old Dominion opened at 19, Continental at 15, Utah from 23 went up to 23½, then back to 23. Montana opened at 250, off 8; went to 252, 253 and 255. Wolverines opened at 35, off ¼, and then reacted to 34½.

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The funeral of the late Rev. Warren Randolph, D. D., at the Central Baptist Church yesterday afternoon, was a notable tribute to the dead. In the audience, in addition to a very large number of the parishioners of the church, were many of the representative men of the city in business, religious and literary circles, and the addresses were heartfelt testimonials to the Christian manliness of Dr. Randolph by men who had known and labored with him in various spheres of church and college life.

The pastors of the various Protestant churches of the city were present, almost without exception, including Rev. E. H. Porter of Emmanuel, Rev. Elijah Richardson of the Mount Olivet Baptist, Rev. Charles G. Gilliat of St. George's, Rev. H. N. Joter of the Shiloh Baptist, Rev. J. H. Allen of the First Methodist Episcopal, Rev. Messrs. H. M. Stone and E. J. Benner of Trinity, Rev. D. P. Brown of the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal, Rev. C. J. A. Holmgren of the Swedish Lutheran, Mr. J. M. Estes of the Society of Friends, and General Secretary W. L. Tisdale of the Young Men's Christian Association. In addition to these there were those who participated in the services, Rev. P. M. Vinton of the Thames Street Methodist Episcopal, Rev. George W. Mead of the First Presbyterian, Rev. J. Frank Fleming of the Second Baptist, and Rev. Samuel J. Carr. There were also several from out of the city, including Rev. Charles H. Spalding, D. D., of Boston, New England Secretary of the Baptist Publication Society; Rev. N. J. Wheeler, Rev. H. M. Bixby, D. D., Rev. D. W. Faunce, D. D., Rev. Forrest F. Emerson of Providence, Rev. F. J. Bartlett of Davisville, Rev. W. A. Brady of Narragansett Pier, Rev. W. H. Mackinnon of Jamestown, Rev. P. M. Jordan, and Dr. Burlingham of New York, who was a parishioner of Dr. Randolph when he was pastor of Harvard Street Church in Boston.

Rev. Dr. Spalding conducted the services, announcing the several clergymen who participated. The invocation was given by Rev. G. W. Mead, the Scripture reading by Rev. N. J. Wheeler, formerly pastor of the Central Church; the prayer by Rev. J. F. Fleming, the closing prayer by Rev. P. M. Vinton, and the benediction by Rev. S. J. Carr. Dr. Spalding spoke briefly of letters and telegrams which had been received referring to the personal loss which all had experienced in the death of Dr. Randolph, making special mention of those from B. F. Jacobs of Chicago, chairman of the executive committee of the International Sunday School Lesson Committee; Rev. Dr. Starr of Philadelphia, a member of the committee; Rev. Dr. Dunning, who succeeded Dr. Randolph as secretary of the committee; Rev. H. M. King and Rev. T. D. Anderson of Providence, Rev. Brewer G. Boardman, and Rev. Frank Rector of Fitchburg, formerly of this city.

Rev. H. M. Bixby, D. D., of Providence was the first speaker. He first gave a historical sketch of Dr. Randolph's life and labors, and then said that the deceased had a rare combination of diverse qualities. He had both strength and beauty in his character. He was resolute, inflexible, in his defense of the right; and yet was loving, tender and gentle. He had the most delicate sympathy and possessed one of the finest natures. He was remarkable for his kindness of heart and his gentleness of spirit; remarkable for his heart power. He was gentle and persuasive, with the power of love, and thus had great power over men. Another prominent element in his character was his hopefulness, his cheerfulness. He always seemed to be facing the sun, with the shadows behind him. His departure was too sudden for our joy, but not too sudden for his. He was sheltered in a home and cared for with a love which few men know. He has gone where God needed him more than He needed him here. He has gone after a sublime work on earth to do a greater work. He came as near perfection as any man the speaker ever knew, and it was a great privilege to know and love such a man.

Rev. Dr. Spalding spoke of the wonderful sphere and continuity of the life of Dr. Randolph, which he said was a rich, rare, round and ripe half-century of service for Christ. He made special mention of Dr. Randolph's services from 1872 to 1877 in extending the work of Baptist Sunday schools in the South and his personal work among the freedmen and the wonderful results therefrom. He spoke of three or four wonderful pastorates, especially of that at Harvard Street in Boston; of his services on the International Sunday School Lesson committee, of his personal friendship among his fellow-workers on that committee and of their love for Dr. Randolph. He had a wonderful insight into the things of God and of humanity, and in him the mind of the Master was very nearly represented. As a man he was sweet, loving, gifted, gentle, manly—a man in the ministry, in the pulpit, in the home and among his friends—a round, rich, large man.

Rev. D. W. Faunce, D. D., of Providence, was the next speaker. He said: "I came here as you came. I did not come to speak. I wonder if there is need of speaking. There is a verdict rendered when a man dies. God renders it in Heaven and men render it on earth, and those who have spoken have uttered that verdict. We weep for our loss, but there are other tears—tears of rejoicing that another Christian has gained the victory and will never again know a sorrow. The speaker first knew Dr. Randolph in the ripe vigor of a manly ministry during that wonderful pastorate of which Dr. Spalding had spoken, of the Harvard Street Church in Boston, where his earnest preaching had attracted large congregations and where seeds were sown that today show their fruits in the men and women to whom he ministered. He had always known him as a man who spoke out of his heart of the glory of God.

Hon. John S. Brayton of Fall River, who was a classmate of Dr. Randolph at Brown University, spoke of the friendship which had begun in their college days and had continued to the end. He referred to the earnestness of life which manifested itself in Warren Randolph's college career. He was not a brilliant scholar, but a constant, persistent student; too honest not to spend every moment preparing his work, and never unprepared when the time came. Among his class none were more respected and liked by the students, the members of the faculty and the honored head of the college, the late Dr. Weyland, than Warren Randolph. The speaker paid a high tribute to the personality of the deceased and spoke in heartfelt terms of the friendship that had existed for more than half a century between the two; and as he stood beside the bier of the dead his last words to his old friend "Warren Randolph, lifelong friend; Hail! Farewell!" were uttered with a pathos and feeling that were a benediction in themselves.

The services lasted a full hour and a half, and yet so impressive were they that not one of the audience which filled the church left the room until the final prayer had been uttered, the final and strikingly appropriate hymn, "Peace, Perfect Peace," had been sung, and the benediction had been pronounced.

The members of the school board, with Superintendent Baker and Head Master Thompson of the Rogers High School, occupied seats together, and the members of the Sunday school of the church were seated in a body, having met in the vestry and marched to the church.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual election and installation of officers of St. John's Lodge, A. F. and A. M., occurred last evening at Masonic temple, when the following officers were chosen:

Worshipful Master—Daniel B. Fearing.
Senior Warden—N. T. Hodson.
Junior Warden—Irving P. Irons.
Treasurer—James G. Topham.
Secretary—Ara Hildreth.

The installation ceremonies were performed by District Deputy Grand Worshipful Master W. Howard Walker of Providence, who congratulated the treasurer and secretary upon their reelection for so many years. The district deputy was assisted by J. Milton Payne of Pawtucket as master of ceremonies. The newly elected master not being present, the installing officer authorized the retiring master to resume his office until such time as the newly elected master presents himself for installation. The old subordinate officers will also remain in office until the new master makes his appointments.

After the installation Past Worshipful Master Robert S. Franklin, with pleasing and interesting remarks, presented the retiring master, O. H. P. Belmont, with a past master's jewel and Grand Lodge officer's apron, together with a miniature gavel made from wood taken from the original Masonic temple, over 100 years old. The speaker referred to the fact that Mr. Belmont's grandfather was made a Mason in the old temple. Mr. Belmont was taken completely by surprise, but in appropriate remarks accepted the gifts, and thanked the lodge for all its kindnesses toward him the past year.

Court Pride of the City, No. 12, Foresters of America, at its meeting last evening elected the following officers:

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ALMOST A BAD FIRE.

What came near being a costly accident for the shopkeeper happened in one of the local display windows recently. The window was dressed with white cotton to represent snow, and with green trimmings presented a pretty appearance until a boy in lighting the gas set the cotton afire. For a time it looked as though all the goods in the window would be destroyed, but by energetic work the fire was extinguished before much damage was done. In previous years snow has been known to melt, but not to burn; there has been no experience with real snow in this vicinity so far this winter.

MAY BE THE BODY OF MAURICE STRAUSS.

The Fall River Herald suggests that the body found in Portsmouth Sunday may be that of Maurice Strauss, who is supposed to have jumped overboard from steamer Puritan on her trip to New York last Wednesday night. Strauss bought a ticket for New York in Boston and had stateroom 95. When the boat reached New York the ticket, a valise and a letter to Strauss's brother in New York were found therein. In the letter Strauss announced that he intended to commit suicide. It is understood that he was insane on the subject of spiritualism and did the deed in order to return to this world in the spirit. The berths in his stateroom had not been disturbed and the officials of the boat think Strauss either left the boat here or jumped overboard soon after leaving Fall River. He was 42 years of age, had been an actor in the old Boston Museum stock company, and later, after inheriting considerable money, spent most of his time in Germany. He was a connoisseur of paintings. He returned to this country about 10 years ago.

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In a fog so dense that it was impossible to see a cable's length from her decks, Fall River line steamboat Plymouth, with 600 passengers on board, ran aground at 6:30 o'clock last night on a reef just off Hunt's Point, at the mouth of the Bronx river. There was great alarm among the passengers on board the vessel, but no lives were lost, though those on board were forced to remain on the vessel.

The Plymouth left her dock at the foot of Murray street at 5:30 o'clock, and had swung into the East river on her way to the sound before the fog closed in upon her. Captain Simmons, who was in command, managed to take her in safety through the dangerous passage at Hell Gate, but after he had passed Ward's island the fog became so thick that he found it necessary to slow down to one-third the usual speed, and the big boat crept forward at the rate of about three knots an hour. She met with no accident until she entered the fortuous channel beyond North Brother island.

The passengers at that time were nearly all at dinner. They were startled by a sudden shock, which dashed dishes from the table and threw many of them from their seats. Confusion quickly followed, the passengers scrambling out of the saloon and upon the deck in the belief that the boat was about to sink.

Captain Simmons at once summoned his officers and caused a hasty examination to be made. He found that the boat had struck a rock which had stove a hole 10 feet long and five feet wide in her port side, letting the water pour into her hull. He at once told his officers to distribute themselves around the boat and assure the panic-stricken passengers that there was no immediate danger.

In the meantime, he ordered the steam pumps to be set to work to clear the vessel of water as it poured in. Sounding showed that there was eight feet of water amidships and about 12 feet under the bow and stern, which were raised up, showing that the boat was supported by the rock upon which she had struck. Owing to the density of the fog, it was impossible for those on board to see the shore or for persons on board to locate the exact situation of the boat.

Captain Simmons sent Quartermaster Frey and a boat's crew to notify the officials of the company. By means of a compass they felt their way to Fort Morris, a mile below the scene of the accident, and delivered their message by telephone.

The cries of the passengers when the Plymouth first struck were heard on North Brother island, three quarters of a mile below, through the fog. Dr. Bryant, superintendent of the detention hospital, with Dr. Hogan and two attendants, got out a launch and made their way to the boat. Dr. Bryant asked if they needed help. Captain Simmons replied that they were in no danger, and that the passengers would remain on board for the night. Upon this, the launch returned to North Brother island, with the understanding that a watch would be kept from the lighthouse on the south side, and that the Plymouth was to signal in case she needed help.

Dr. Bryant, upon his return to the hospital, called up the Merritt Wrecking Company and told them what had happened, suggesting that they send a wrecking crew to aid the stranded vessel. He also notified the police at One Hundred and Twenty-second street and the Harlem river. Sergeant Osborne with two launches immediately set out for the spot where the accident occurred.

At the point where the Plymouth went aground the channel is very narrow and difficult to follow. It winds in and out among North Brother, Riker's, South Brother and Ward's islands. On the west side, from the borough of the Bronx, extend Hunt's, Oak, Lorillard and Barretos points, which render navigation difficult. Off the points and the shores of the islands are many rocks, scattered along the shore, and it is supposed that the Plymouth struck one of these.

After lying on the rocks off Hunt's point, at the mouth of the Bronx river, for some hours steamer Plymouth floated during the night and this morning steamed down the river to her dock. Her passengers were transferred during the night to the Maine, of the Stonington line. The Plymouth is not injured to any such extent as was at first reported. She left the scene of the accident under her own steam, a tug following. She will go to the dry dock in Brooklyn for survey and repairs. There is a big hole in her port side amidships. She is strained and some of her joiner work is smashed. The damage can soon be repaired and the officers of the line expect that she will be back on her route in a few weeks. Her cargo was not damaged.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

DeBlois & Eldridge have rented through their New York office Mr. Walter Carte's house at 523 Madison avenue to Mr. William Post.

Simeon Hazard has sold for Amelia Peckham and others a dwelling-house and lot on the southerly side of Walnut street, to John A. Leary. This estate is bounded northerly by Walnut street, easterly by land of the grantee, southerly by land of Jacob Anderson, and westerly by land of Edward N. Lawton, and comprises about 2,500 square feet of land.

THE NEW BRITISH COMMANDERS.

Great Britain is now sending to the front in places of great authority and responsibility the men who should have commanded from the first. Lord Roberts and Kitchener make a strong combination. One is a veteran commander approaching three score and ten; the other is in the prime of life and has earned a high reputation in less than half a decade. Both are men with great talents for organization and action. Lord Roberts may be said to represent experience, and Kitchener intuition. Already it is being said that neither has commanded against white men. This is true, but the fact does not of itself disqualify them for success in the Transvaal. How an officer has commanded rather than the nationality of his enemy is the test of his fitness for a proposed task.

Both Lord Roberts and Kitchener have succeeded in campaigns which demanded tact as well as daring. Nor were the enemies with whom they contended despicable. The Afghans whom Lord Roberts overcame are a hardy, resolute race and natural soldiers. They are currently spoken of as wild tribes, which all of them are not. The Afghans, when Lord Roberts fought them last, included two elements, regular troops acquainted with modern guns and handled by leaders of some tactical abilities, and Ghilzais or fanatics, ready to "die for the faith." The Afghan regulars manœuvred well in action, and the irregulars despised "zones of fire" and were killed in the British ranks. Lord Roberts was at one time in very much the same position at Cabul as Sir George White is at Ladysmith, but conquered and overcame the great national rising of the Afghans. The climax was given to this victory by Lord Roberts's swift, stealthy march to Candahar, whose beleaguered garrison he relieved by a crushing defeat of Ayoob Khan, the Afghan chief.

Kitchener has had years of experience against foes as courageous and crafty as the Afghans. The Dervishes are a fierce race who do not stand in awe of a "regiment of British infantry." It is a flattering unction we lay to our souls that there are no races that in fighting power are a match for white people. This may be true in the long run, for the white possess a racial superiority of organization, but there are plenty of modern instances of races not white showing a high degree of courage and other military virtues. The British in Afghanistan and the Soudan and the French in Dahomey have been brought to a realizing sense that "barbarians," inspired by what we call in others "fanaticism" and in ourselves "faith," will make their way through a fire under which most white troops would whither away. Afghans and "fuzzy-wuzzys" have done what Boers have never shown themselves capable of doing, pushing an attack home against the constantly thickening fire from magazine rifles and machine guns. An officer who has commanded successfully against such foes may be trusted to have qualified himself to meet at least on equal terms of courage and resource ordinary white combatants. [Boston Transcript.

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Said Mortgagee will sell at public auction on **Wednesday, December 27th, 1899,** at twelve o'clock noon, on Vernon Avenue in front of the land hereinafter described, that parcel of land in the said town of Middletown in Rhode Island, with buildings and improvements thereon, and the appurtenances thereof. Bounded, Southerly on Vernon Avenue 322 and 6-10 feet, Westerly on land of Harriet Smyth 325 and 4-10 feet, Northerly principally on land formerly of William H. Prince, deceased, and partly on land of Louisa H. Hoppin 322 and 6-10 feet, and Easterly on land now or formerly of Francis S. and Stephen P. Barker, Jr., 593 feet; said bounded land containing two and a half acres of Land, more or less, and being the same granted by said Mortgage deed which is hereby made part hereof.

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